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**TRAFFIC OFFICER CAPTURES ROBBER IN LOAN OFFICE**  
Holdup Man Seized \$750 at Personal Finance Co. in Maplewood — Four in Place.

**CUSTOMER FINDS DOOR IS LOCKED**  
Sees Employees on Floor Tied With Wire Calls Policeman Who Quickly Traps Thief.

An armed robber who held up four employees of the Personal Finance Co. office in Maplewood this afternoon and stole \$750 was captured before he could flee from the office by a policeman who had been directing traffic in front of the building at Sutton and Manchester avenues.

The policeman, Larry B. Oeth, had been summoned to the loan company office, on the second floor of the building, by a customer who found the door locked. Inside he saw several of the employees lying on the floor, tied with wire.

A janitor opened the locked door for Oeth, who entered the office with his revolver drawn. One of the men on the floor nodded to a passageway at the rear to which the robber had retreated.

"Come out and drop your gun!" the officer called.

"Come and get me, I'm through," the robber replied. He emerged from behind a partition, holding a revolver loosely in his left hand, and dropped it on the floor.

Taken to the Maplewood police station, a block away, the robber said he was Raymond Tate, 34 years old, and gave an address in the 4500 block of Delmar boulevard. He was his first holdup, he said.

Tate said he had purchased the revolver this morning in East St. Louis, and planned to use it to make a break himself.

The \$750 he had taken from cash drawers in the loan office was removed from his right coat pocket by police.

James McNary, manager of the office, was about to close it when about 1 o'clock, and said he wanted to borrow some money. McNary took him to a small room in the rear so that they could discuss the matter privately.

Other employees in the office were the cashier, Miss Jane Marshall, 28; West Jackson road, Webster; John R. Schottner, 3413A; and Fredrick, 6701 Barmar avenue.

"He talked with me about borrowing money," McNary told a Post-Dispatch reporter, "and then drew his revolver and said it was a holdup. He ordered me to call the other employees back into the room where we were."

"They all came back and then he made Miss Marshall, the cashier, make a picture wire he took from his pocket. He stuffed gauze in our mouths so that we couldn't talk."

"Before he tied up Miss Marshall he made her go with him to get the money from the cash drawers. He was not satisfied that that was all there was, and made her open the safe so that he could see there was no money there."

"He couldn't get out because the door was locked—we were just sitting when he came in. While he was looking for the keys there was a knock on the door."

"If that's someone coming for me there are four dead people in here," the robber said. Eldridge told him there was a key to the door in his back pocket, but the robber couldn't find it right away.

"He got made then and hit Eldridge on the head with his revolver, cutting his scalp. It bled, but he wasn't hurt badly."

"Then the policeman came in. The shades were drawn and we could not see well. The policeman said he was going to drop his gun and he tossed it out on the floor."

The visitor who summoned the policeman when he saw employees of the loan company tied up on the floor was Robert Davidson, 605 Clara avenue.

**ELLIOTT ROOSEVELT ON OIL**  
He Speaks on Radio for Interstate Compact.

PORT WORTH, Tex., Dec. 17.—A prediction that Federal control of the oil industry will result in a new lease on life and is being made by Elliott Roosevelt, head of the Interstate Oil Compact, in a radio broadcast tonight.

"The coming of Federal control," he said, "would be a sad day for the industry."

**ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH**  
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**LABOR'S LEAGUE TO WORK WITHIN DEMOCRATIC PARTY**  
John L. Lewis Says It Will Indorse List of Delegates In Effort to Influence 1940 Convention.

By the Associated Press.  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—John L. Lewis, chairman of Labor's Non-Partisan League, announced today that the league would work within the framework of the Democratic Party in the selection of delegates to the Democratic National Convention in 1940.

Lewis said the league would hold a convention in midyear of 1939, which would authorize the league membership to support delegates to the next Democratic convention who will aid in maintaining and extending economic and political gains of recent years.

Asked what position he would take on a third term for President Roosevelt, Lewis replied: "I would not have the answer to that but the league's convention may consider it."

Lewis, who is president of the Congress of Industrial Organizations, also indicated that he was not interested at this time in a third party movement.

League delegates to the 1940 Democratic national convention, Lewis said, would work for the nomination of progressive candidates for the office of President and Vice-President.

Lewis also outlined a national platform for labor which will be taken up at the league convention. It would include: Reduction of unemployment and increase of the national income; a program of public health and industrial hygiene and opposition to repeal or revision of existing social legislation.

The league membership, which is now limited to workers enrolled in labor organizations, Lewis said, will be expanded beginning Jan. 1.

"Any American approving its tenets may join," Lewis said.

Lewis and the league supported President Roosevelt's re-election campaign in 1936.

**MAN KILLED, SON HURT WHEN AUTO RUNS INTO TREE**  
William F. Gerstner, St. Louis Electrical Contractor, Loses Life in Wreck Near Poplar Bluff.

**CAR SIDESWIPES TRUCK ON ROAD**  
Machine Then Careens From Highway — Third and Fourth Persons in Party Slightly Injured.

William F. Gerstner, an electrical contractor, 5910 Waterman boulevard, was killed today when his automobile sideswiped a truck and then hit a tree on a highway near Poplar Bluff, Mo. His son, Robert, was seriously hurt and is in a Poplar Bluff hospital.

Two friends riding with them, Oscar Roeder, 675 Hawbrook road, Glendale, and Oscar Roeder Jr., were not seriously hurt. They were on the way to Roeder's farm in Ripley County where they planned to hunt quail.

Gerstner was 55 years old and headed the Electric Service Co., 120 North Second street. His son, Robert, 28, is office manager of the firm. Roeder is a tile and timber dealer and his son is a student at Washington University.

The truck driver, J. Tyler of Springfield, O., told highway patrolmen the automobile sideswiped his truck in attempting to pass, then careened from the highway and hit the tree.

**Man Killed When Struck by Truck on Olive Street Road.**  
Ernest Vortmeier, a farm laborer of Creve Coeur, was killed yesterday afternoon when he was struck by a truck walking on Olive Street road in Farm Ridge, St. Louis.

The driver, Edwin Eggenstener, also of Creve Coeur, told deputy sheriffs that he was blinded by the lights of an approaching automobile and swerved his truck when the car passed and he saw Vortmeier and another man walking in the road ahead of him. He was unable to avoid hitting Vortmeier, he said.

Vortmeier, who was about 35 years old, was dead on arrival at County Hospital. His companion, John Deool of Creve Coeur, was not injured.

**Man Dies of Complications After Being Hurt in Collision.**  
William Longhorst, 43 years old, 4710 Farlin avenue, died at Missouri Baptist Hospital yesterday of complications resulting from chest injuries suffered Tuesday night when his automobile collided with another at Pennsylvania and Corbitt avenues, University City.

University City police reported that Longhorst was intoxicated and resisted arrest following the accident, kicking Sgt. Joseph Baker several times. It was necessary, the report said, to use force to subdue Longhorst and take him to County Hospital where physicians said he was suffering from acute alcoholism. Released from the hospital after treatment for a cut on the lip, he was booked on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

Longhorst, a former salesman for the Union Electric Co., was taken to Missouri Baptist Hospital Thursday after he became ill at his home.

**3000 TREASURY AGENTS READY TO HUNT SPIES**  
E. L. Irey, Their Chief, Says Some Had Experience in World War Espionage Inquiries.

By the Associated Press.  
NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Elmer L. Irey, chief of the Treasury Department Intelligence Unit, said yesterday he had advised Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau that his 3000 agents were "thoroughly organized and ready for any assignment in counterespionage."

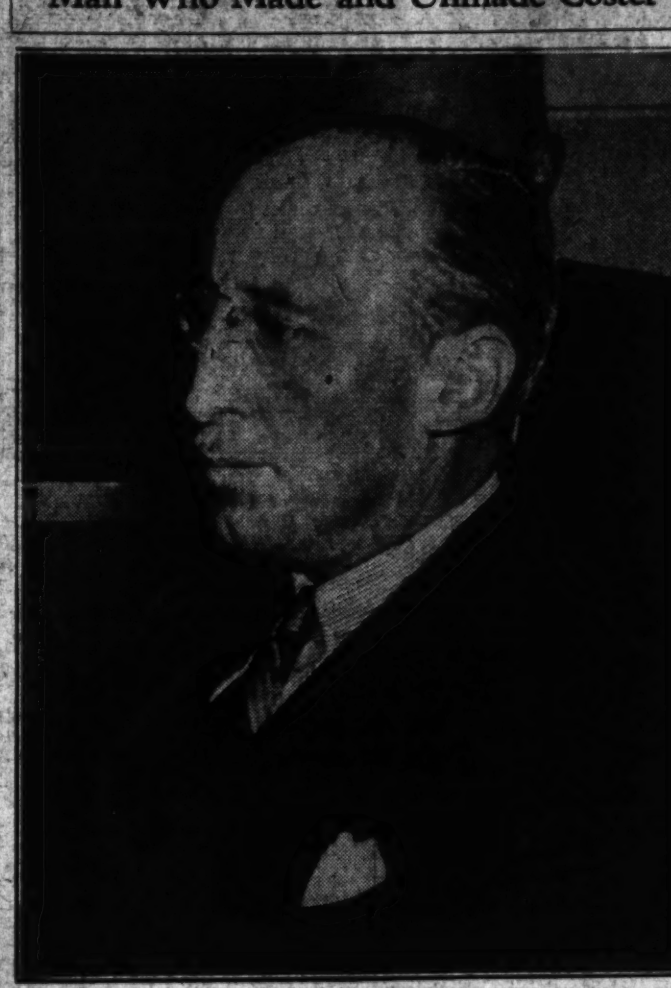
Irey made the disclosure after talking with several agents in Treasury Department units here, many of them veterans of World War counterespionage investigations.

The trained criminal investigators include 1400 alcohol tax agents, 260 Customs agents, 600 border patrolmen, 225 narcotic agents, 200 Secret Service agents, 280 Internal Revenue agents and an undisclosed number of Coast Guard Intelligence agents.

**TREND OF THE MARKETS**  
Stocks irregular. Bonds lower. Curb narrow. Foreign exchange steady. Cotton stronger. Wheat lower. Corn easy.

**COSTER'S THREE BROTHERS HELD; INQUIRY BEGUN INTO REPORTS OF GUN-RUNNING**

Man Who Made and Unmade Coster



JULIAN F. THOMPSON, Treasurer of McKesson & Robbins, Inc., who in 1936 arranged with Connecticut bankers to put up \$1,000,000 with which F. Donald Coster, then head of Girard & Co., another drug firm, bought McKesson & Robbins. It was Thompson also, who later becoming suspicious of the operations of the concern's crude drug department, started a private investigation which led to Coster's exposure.

**WHOLESALE ARMS EXPORTS BY DRUG HEAD ALLEGED**

New York Attorney-General Adjoins Hearing to Look Into Story of Deal for Quinine Monopoly in Bolivia.

**11 INVESTIGATIONS NOW UNDER WAY**

Theory That Ex-Convict Who Killed Self When Exposed Intended to Break Up McKesson & Robbins to Cover Up.

By the Associated Press.  
NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Still more sensational disclosures of the incredible web of international financial intrigue spun by F. Donald Coster, the wizard whose magic failed him, were forecast today with ten investigations seeking to unravel the tangled skein. Three associates of Coster, his brothers under aliases, were held by Federal authorities.

The developments yesterday, climaxed when Coster ended his two-lives-in-one by firing a bullet into his brain, indicated that the suspected milking of the \$37,000,000 McKesson & Robbins Drug Company of \$18,000,000 in assets was only one of his many far-flung extra-legal activities.

Investigators pushed inquiries into reports that Coster, really Philip Musica, an Italian-born immigrant and ex-convict, had, as head of the world's third largest wholesale drug concern, helped finance one South American war and assisted in smuggling arms to Spain in violation of the Neutrality Act.

So significant did this development appear to Assistant Attorney-General Ambrose V. McCall that he abruptly adjourned the State's investigation until Monday in order to study the case.

"May Involve Living Persons."

"The Attorney-General has obtained information of the wholesale sale of arms and ammunition which may involve living persons," he said. He refused to amplify the statement.

The United States attorney's office disclosed it had begun an inquiry into reports that Coster had helped finance Bolivia in its war with Paraguay over the Chaco boundary in return for a promise of a quinine monopoly.

Seeking to Exchange Commission agents, also conducting an inquiry, said Coster apparently had planned to extricate himself from the McKesson & Robbins tangle by breaking up the huge drug company. Through sale of his common stock, they said, he seemingly expected to buy outright his crude drug department—the department he and his associates are accused of "milking" of \$18,000,000.

His failure to take out insurance on warehouses of the crude drug department—warehouses really nonexistent—aroused suspicions of other company officers. Investigators estimated the manipulating group had a collective income of at least \$1,000,000 a year.

It was disclosed that papers connected with an indictment against Coster when he went by the name of Musica, 18 years ago were missing from the office of the chief clerk of the General Sessions Court here. The missing documents were indictments, filed against Musica, for forging of evidence and bribery of a witness in a murder case, in 1920. The indictments later were dismissed.

Eight other inquiries were under way in the affairs of the business leader and those of his three brothers, all connected with the drug company and each held under \$100,000 bail.

**Investigations in Progress.**  
The agencies and what they are investigating:

1. United States postal authorities, seeking to learn whether manipulations of the drug company's supplies had used the mails to defraud.

2. The income tax division of the Canadian Revenue Department. It

**NORVELL WILL BE QUESTIONED ABOUT COSTER ACTIVITIES**

Former St. Louisan, Once Head of Drug House, Will Be Asked About Smuggling.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.  
NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Reports that F. Donald Coster (Philip Musica) was mixed up in arms and munitions smuggling engaged the attention today of authorities trying to unravel the mysteries of Coster's various activities.

In the reports was seen the possibility of an explanation for stories seeping out of Spanish rebel territory that Generalissimo Francisco Franco, rebel leader, received substantial shipments of arms and munitions in crates marked "milk of magnesia." Information reaching the office of Attorney-General John J. Bennett Jr. hinted strongly that behind the operations of the crude drug department of the McKesson & Robbins Drug Co., of which Coster was president, would be found the true story of the Franco munitions supply.

Several persons already have been subpoenaed by State and Federal authorities in the parallel investigations of this phase of the case. They will be questioned Monday.

**Norvell's Information Sought.**  
Both Attorney-General Bennett and Irving R. Kaufman, assistant United States Attorney handling the smuggling end of the Federal inquiry, expressed interest in the fact that Saunders Norvell, formerly of St. Louis, who was chairman of the Board of Directors of McKesson & Robbins until 1936, when Coster bought control of the firm for \$1,000,000, had since become president of the Remington Arms Co., Inc. Norvell has not been with the arms company since 1933, when he retired.

The Remington Arms Co. is now controlled by E. L. du Pont de Nemours & Co.

Investigators also were looking into a report that Coster was closely allied with Bolivia as a financial backer during its long drawn out war with Paraguay over the Chaco region. This report alleged that Coster expected Bolivia to give him a monopoly on its quinine fields in return for his efforts and funds.

A spokesman for the Bolivian

**Synopsis of Coster Masquerade**

By the Associated Press.  
NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Although a three-year investigation by Julian F. Thompson, treasurer of McKesson & Robbins, Inc., preceded the downfall and suicide of its president, F. Donald Coster, or Philip Musica, the case burst like a bubble—for the public—only 10 days ago.

Here is how it developed:

Dec. 6—Application for receivership for McKesson & Robbins, Inc., filed by a stockholder in Hartford, Conn., alleging the company's accounts contained false items "in excess of \$10,000,000." Trading of the firm's stock suspended on the New York Stock exchange.

Dec. 7—Two directors of McKesson & Robbins appeared before a stock exchange committee at the committee's request to discuss receivership proceedings.

Dec. 8—The stock exchange disclosed that one director said the firm's crude drugs department "may be just a hollow balloon," and that the other said some supposed warehouses for crude drugs were "just plain mailing addresses." Federal Court appointed reorganization trustees.

Dec. 9—Four separate investigations of the firm were launched.

Dec. 10—The \$100,000 brokerage account of Coster's wife was tied up by State Supreme Court order.

Dec. 12—The firm's board asked Coster and George E. Dietrich, assistant treasurer, to resign; an Assistant Attorney-General said in Montreal that two warehouses in which crude drugs supposedly were stored didn't exist.

Dec. 13—Arrest of Coster, George Dietrich and George Vernard, Canadian representative, ordered by United States Commissioner Coster, alleging violation of Securities and Exchange Act; Federal grand jury inquiry begun.

Dec. 14—Coster and George Dietrich arrested in Coster's Fairfield (Conn.) home, and held in \$5000 bail each.

Dec. 15—Federal grand jury indicted Coster, George Dietrich and Vernard on charges of conspiracy and filing false statements with the stock exchange. Police announced fingerprints showed Coster to be Philip Musica, a former convict with a startling record.

Dec. 16 (yesterday)—Police officials identified George Dietrich and Vernard as brothers of Philip Musica, alias Coster, and said Robert Dietrich, a shipping clerk in the drug firm, was still another brother. Coster killed himself in his Fairfield (Conn.) residence as Federal agents arrived to re-arrest him.

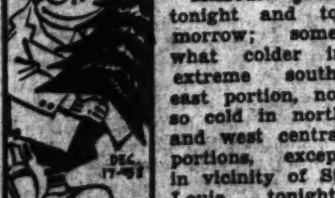
**FAIR TONIGHT AND TOMORROW; SLIGHTLY WARMER TOMORROW**

THE TEMPERATURES.

12 A. M.	37	9 A. M.	38
1 P. M.	34	12 A. M.	30
3 P. M.	33	3 A. M.	30
5 P. M.	30	6 A. M.	30
7 P. M.	26	9 A. M.	33
9 P. M.	23	12 A. M.	33
11 P. M.	25	3 A. M.	33
1 P. M.	25	6 A. M.	33

Indicates street reading.  
Yesterday's high, 45 (3:30 p. m.); low, 32 (4 a. m.)

**CALLING ALL TREE TRIMMERS**



Official forecast for St. Louis and vicinity: Fair to night and tomorrow; somewhat warmer tomorrow; lowest temperature tonight about 35.

Missouri: Fair tonight and tomorrow; somewhat colder in extreme south-east portion, and so cold in north and west central portions, except in vicinity of St. Louis tonight, somewhat warmer tomorrow.

Illinois: Fair tonight and tomorrow; colder in extreme south portion; not so cold in northwest and west central portions late tonight; warmer tomorrow.

Next Week's Weather Forecast.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—The weather outlook for next week for the Upper Mississippi and Lower Missouri valleys. Little precipitation indicated; possibly one or two periods; slight snow in extreme north; frequent fluctuations in temperature but mostly near or above normal.

**FIRE IN DRY GOODS STORE CAUSES \$2300 DAMAGE**

Origin of Two-Alarm Blaze at 5501 Lillian Avenue Undetermined.

Fire of undetermined origin caused damage estimated at \$2300 today in a dry goods store at 5501 Lillian avenue. Firemen summoned by two alarms kept the flames from spreading to adjoining stores in the same building, saving living quarters on the second floor.

Fire Chief Lawrence Conroy estimated the damage at \$500 to the building and \$1800 to the stock of the dry goods store, managed by Mrs. Catherine Calliotte for her sister, Miss Anna Walsh. The fire started in the basement about noon.

**SPANISH REBEL FLYERS WRECK 150 OF TOWN'S 500 HOUSES**

Attacks Continue on Ferrelle, Near Eastern Coastal City of Tortosa.

By the Associated Press.  
BARCELONA, Dec. 17.—Low-flying insurgent bombing planes again attacked Ferrelle, near the eastern coastal city of Tortosa, yesterday. Three bombardments in two days have destroyed 150 of the town's 500 houses and caused an undetermined number of casualties.



**Man Who Pleaded Guilty  
of Cheating City of Wat-  
erbury, Conn., Was on  
Drug Firm Payroll.**

**DRESSER JUNCTION, Wis.**  
Dec. 17.—Five persons were killed and two others seriously injured when their automobile was struck by a Soo Line passenger train yesterday on a grade crossing near here. The dead: Mrs. Devillah Hazel, 28 years old; Jimmy Hazel, her son; Charles Bergeron, 26; Mrs. Charles Bergeron, 19, and Ruth Hill, 17.

THIS old photograph from newspaper files shows the arrest of the Musicians in New Orleans in 1913. The family, including Philip Musica, alias F. Donald Coster, his brothers, sisters, mother, and father Antonio, was taken into custody by Burns detectives who had trailed them from New York. They were seized when about to sail for Honduras with large amounts of cash after failure of their United States Hair Co.

day whom I trust more than I trust Philip M. Musica. He is one of my best friends. I couple myself with him; I stand with him; and for him."

Before he made this statement on Musica's background, Becker consistently had refused to answer Reed's questions as to whether William Johnson, the investigator, and Musica were the same man. Becker told the committee, the record shows, that he countenanced Musica's assumption of an alias because Becker felt it was necessary in the type of work that Musica was doing.

hour's search later in the day. Williamson further disclosed that apparently Mrs. Coster had not known until two days ago that her husband was really Philip Musick. Williamson said he saw her on her knees talking to him in an imploring manner and overheard her say: "Oh, Lord, why didn't you tell me this? Why didn't you let me know?"

Coster conferred until 1 a. m. yesterday with his attorneys, Samuel Reich, United States Commissioner in Bridgeport, who is not acting in the case in his official capacity, and Reich's son, Philip.

Burke, believes President Roosevelt will seek a third term as the candidate of a third party in 1940. He said yesterday he thought the President would run again because he believes no other man can carry out his objectives, because he would like to break the three-term precedent which has become the law of the land.

If "real Democrats" are in charge of the party in 1940, Burke told the Chamber of Commerce group here, the President will be forced to run as a third party man, and added that "ground work" for a third party is being laid "all over the country."

Officials estimated that 260,000 burley and 75,000 dark type growers were eligible to vote in Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Missouri, North Carolina, Ohio, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia.

Polls, at which secret ballot was cast, opened at 2 a. m. and were closed at 5 p. m. local time.

Last Saturday, growers of flue-cured tobacco and rice turned down marketing quotas for next year, but cotton farmers approved them by a large majority.

rolled up for Gard, C. F. and eventually Coster was able to raise \$1,000,000 necessary to merge his thriving business with the firm of McKesson & Robbins.

Three Brothers Held.

As King and Bennett, authorities moved quickly against the three brothers whom the Government charges played varying roles as his aids in building an empire of swindle.

George E. Dietrich, identified as George Musica, was held in \$100,000 New Haven, Conn., charged with conspiring to violate the Securities Act of 1934. He was assistant vice-president and assistant treasurer of the drug firm.

George Vernard, Canadian agent of the corporation, was held in \$100,000 bond in similar charges. After police forced their way into

these correspondence between the three brothers, McKenna, a Connecticut political figure.

McKenna pleaded guilty recently to a charge of conspiring with 28 other men to "cheat and defraud" the City of Waterbury of more than \$1,000,000. The Waterbury grand jury had cited McKenna as having received \$3800 a year from the drug company to lobby on legislation.

Until the present far-reaching inquiries are completed, investigators said there was no way of estimating the size of the racket. The McKesson & Robbins stockholders would amount. It may be weeks before any conclusion is reached.

Henry D. Faxon, secretary and director, said "the company is so big that it will go on in lower shape than before." He is now undergoing reorganization.

It's a Hess & Culbertson Christmas

STORE OPEN TONIGHT  
UNTIL 9 O'CLOCK

*Hess & Culbertson*

OLIVE AT NINTH

stock from Brush-Silcock & Co. of San Francisco during the period between the last of October and Nov. 22. It was sold, he said, at prices ranging from 7 1/2 to 8 1/2, between Oct. 28 and Nov. 22, before the stock was suspended from the New York Stock Exchange Board.

Michaels was one of the trustees named for reorganization of the huge drug firm after the petition for such action was filed a week ago.

...treating Hyman for  
...ailment for five years.

jurice Hyman Victim of Heart Disease; Had Quarreled Over Repair of Auto.

A coroner's verdict of death by natural causes was returned to the inquest into the death of the late Maurice Hyman, owner of a garage at 6104 Page boulevard. An autopsy report also died of heart disease.

The testimony of witnesses was that Hyman had quarreled with Edward Smith, brothers, because they had brought their automobile to the garage to repair and had not been there but on the phone from him. They were a mechanic to leave because Hyman is a sick man.

Dr. Henry Phillips, who examined Hyman when he was brought to a chair after the blow, had left the garage, testified he had been talking Hyman for a short ailment for five years.







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JOSEPH PULITZER.  
April 10, 1907.

## LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

Note on Old-Age Pensions.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch:

YOU have been giving space in your columns to the matter of purging the old-age pension rolls. I hold no brief for chiselers on any public fund. There may be chiselers on these rolls, but I positively know that the purge in my vicinity (New Madrid County) was shamefully carried out.

Your great and influential paper should insist on an effort to find out first the true financial predicament of the old people in question. It will be found to be more shocking than the fact that there are large numbers.

Conditions have changed since the first estimate of the number of persons who could qualify. At the last Federal census, more than two-thirds of the old people in my vicinity were still on the farm, where they had always been, going on as usual, and with no special complaint. But soon after—or when the crop reduction was started, which dispossessed about one-fourth of the farm renters, share-croppers and laborers—most of the old people were eliminated from farms and were forced to go into cities and towns and pay rent—something they had never done before. And now, what have they, being more than 70 years old? These old people are the victims of man-made conditions.

S. H. HOLMAN.

Portageville, Mo.

Free-Lance Milkman's Difficulty.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch:

I HAVE been a reader of your paper for 21 years and appreciate the fact that you try to break up racketeers in St. Louis. I know of one that I would like to tell you about.

My brother, the father of four children, was discharged by one of the large dairies. He went into business for himself, purchased a small truck on credit and is trying to keep the wolf from the door. He works seven days a week, with no salary—just the income from what he sells, provided he can collect it.

Now the milk-wagon drivers' union wants \$5 a month from him. He has been letting his family do without a lot of things to pay this \$15 every three months. His insurance has lapsed and he is behind with his rent; his children need shoes and clothing.

READER.

Swing It!

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch:

THERE I was, minding my own business and tuning in the radio for a bit of pleasant recreation. The other waves, however, immediately gave forth ripples of verbal venom, all because synopsized music is evidently here to stay and is tolerated by inferior mortals who enjoy slap-happy melody. The voice from the radio referred to it as "trash."

So I'm a low-down! But heavy orchestrations not only bore me—they irritate and annoy. I always want to stick a pin in anyone who seems really interested to see if he is just sleeping with his eyes open. I've listened politely to ominous bang-bangs, deafening repetition of measure after measure, thunderous low tones and screeching high notes in ear-splitting crescendo.

One can't go about mental tasks and cultivate a cheerful outlook on life by humming Rachmaninoff's Prelude in C-sharp Minor, so I'm going to be happy chirping "Flat-Foot Floogie With a Floy-floy."

Here's to "trash"—long may it swing! Belleville.

MARY H. BRANDES.

Smoke-Masks for St. Louis.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch:

WE have a beautiful city, with wonderful sights: Shaw's Garden, the Jefferson Memorial, the Art Museum, the Zoo and many others, which make us proud of the home town.

What is it then that makes people say, when speaking of St. Louis, "Oh, that town!" In a condescending tone that makes us boil with anger. Haven't they had enough of money jiggers, of Brain Trusts, of loose thinking and looser planning, of expensive experiments?

We are sorely in need of the Old Guard and the standpatters, with their common-sense views, will power to vote No and to bring back honor and principle, the foundation of all good government. They made this the greatest nation in the world. Every bit of progress, forward movement and good things accomplished, they are responsible for. They have pulled us out of many desperate holes and tragic situations, and they'll do it again if they have a chance.

Here's to the 17,000,000 standpatters!

MRS. ELDO GADDY.

Mount Vernon, Ill.

## THE FARMERS' STRAITJACKET.

The agricultural marketing department of Stanford University, which commands wide respect over the country, has come out for the domestic subsidy plan of farm relief. This approach is distinguished from the old domestic allotment scheme in the important respect that it does not call for price-fixing, and differs from the existing form of farm aid in that it would do away with Government regulation of crop production.

Under this plan, farmers would be free to produce as much of a commodity as they wish, receiving a Government subsidy of so much a bushel or pound for the pro rata part of their production which is consumed in this country and taking the price fixed by the world market for the rest. In short, it is presented as a plan which would permit the farmer to be aided without having to don a governmental straitjacket.

In addition to avoiding production control and price-fixing, this plan would result in none of the unfavorable repercussions to our foreign trade that follow the use of the export subsidy device.

On the other hand, it would exert powerful pressure for tariff revision, because the capacity of the American farmer to produce is such that if he is left free to exercise his initiative, he would demand a greater opportunity to supply the markets of the congested industrial nations of Europe. This he could do, of course, only if tariffs were lowered to permit the importation of more goods from abroad, so that foreign nations could get the dollar exchange with which to purchase American agricultural products.

The plan appears well suited to give the farmer a subsidy to equate his position as a producer with that of the tariff-protected manufacturer. Historically, this is all the farmer has asked for. This is all the New Deal set out to do in the beginning. But now Mr. Wallace has gone beyond this and become an economic planner. He has embraced the idea of production control and is loath to give it up.

The plan broached by the Stanford economists will not be the only one proposed in the new Congress to change farm relief so as not to interfere with production. More and more, it is being realized that any plan based on an economy of scarcity is ill suited to the long-range needs of the American farmer. Our farm population is expanding faster at present than any other section of our national population. According to a report of the Department of Agriculture, approximately 7,000,000 young people from the ages of 15 to 25 are to be found on farms at the present time, in comparison with about 2,000,000 at the peak of our prosperity in 1929.

What will be the result if we hold our production to the present low figures set by agricultural planners in Washington, or reduce them, as indeed we are bound to do if we continue crop control to the further destruction of our foreign farm markets?

Remember, there is little prospect for this pressure of farm population to be eased by absorption of its members into industry, as they once were in great numbers. It appears economically inescapable that continuation of the present plan of crop control will mean the reapportionment of a dwindling income among ever more numerous and urgent claimants—a situation which will give rise to social tensions extremely difficult for a democracy to sustain.

Some of the most influential farm organizations recognize these dangers. Secretary Wallace will not admit their existence. Yet Mr. Wallace would scarcely have the face to deny that, by deliberately stifling production of farm crops in order to keep up prices, he is following an economic policy which is the polar opposite of the philosophy of free competition which underlies the widely heralded anti-monopoly probe.

It is such basic inconsistencies as this that cause distrust in the New Deal, no matter how much we may approve of its humanitarian intentions. No matter how much the farmer may merit a subsidy to place him on a parity with industry, it does not follow that the benefit must take the form of a payment to violate economic laws which sooner or later will exact their penalty.

## WHAT MILLIGAN DID; WHAT BLANTON CAN DO.

District Attorney Milligan's official recapitulation of the results of the vote fraud trials in Kansas City shows what can be accomplished by a determined prosecutor, Federal grand juries with a will to protect the ballot and Judges like Merrill E. Otis and Albert L. Reeves. In sharp contrast to the record of nothing done under the State law by the State courts, here is the Federal record:

Thirty-nine conspiracy cases involving 278 defendants.

One hundred and sixty pleas of "no contest," placing the defendants on the mercy of the court.

Thirty-six pleas of guilty.

Sixty-three convictions by juries.

This accounts for 259 of the 278 defendants. As charges against 17 were dismissed by the prosecutor for one good reason or another, this leaves only two still to be tried. One of these defendants is seriously ill, the other is a fugitive from the law. Uncle Sam, in short, has cleaned up the election machinery in Kansas City.

This is exactly what he can do and should do in St. Louis. This is what he will do if District Attorney Blanton, the Federal grand jury, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the local Federal courts make the most of the opportunity now before them.

## A LAW THAT INSPIRES MURDER.

The Post-Dispatch welcomes the stand of Stanley Wallace, Prosecuting Attorney-elect of St. Louis County, in favor of a change in the Missouri criminal code to allow the State to take depositions of the testimony of its witnesses in criminal trials. This newspaper has called attention during every legislative session in recent years to this very elementary and much-needed reform. A combination of too little activity on the part of the decent members of the bar and close vigilance of those who rely on Missouri's antiquated criminal code to help them keep crooks out of jail has served to defeat it.

Mr. Wallace, whose statement is in the form of a letter to Gov. Stark, promising to rid St. Louis County of hoodlums and gangsters, presents with crystal clarity the reason for granting the State the right to take depositions. If the State had taken a deposition of the testimony of the Negro witness, John C. Johnson, in the Kelley kidnapping case, the underworld would not have been able to shut his testimony out of court by murdering him. If the State had had a deposition of Lee Baker's testimony in the Londe bombing case, the dastardly attempt on his life probably would not have been made. Death could not have closed his mouth in court so long as his testimony was on file. Fortunately, the cold-blooded crime failed in its purpose,

but it dramatizes the need for removing this chain on the hands of the State and the necessity for protecting the lives of State's witnesses.

If enough Stanley Wallaces step to the front in the Missouri bar in the next two months, the coming Legislature will not dare to ignore society's welfare in this matter.

## MR. QUINN'S DUAL ROLE.

Members of the Board of Education are supposed to administer the city schools unselfishly, out of a desire to serve youth and the public. In the past there have been grave lapses from this ideal, but few of these have been more culpable than the current perversion of the office by Thomas F. Quinn, who has put the weight of his official influence behind a movement to force the 530 public school custodians and matrons into the Building Service Employees' Union.

Mr. Quinn's right to serve as an AFL organizer is unquestioned, but every consideration of fairness and forthrightness demands that he refrain from playing his trade in a way that is tantamount to intimidation and coercion of a group of public employees.

Mr. Quinn claims he is not using his influence to this end, but his assertion is subject to discount. In view of the letter he wrote the janitorial force virtually commanding them to attend a meeting called last night to be addressed by organizers for a union which a majority of the janitors have shown they do not wish to join. "I expect to see all custodians and matrons at this meeting," Mr. Quinn's letter read, "and we will come to some final understanding."

The janitors showed their independence by staying away in great numbers. Only 75 attended, the vast majority being those who already were enrolled in the union.

The janitorial force has its own long-established Custodians' and Matrons' Benevolent and Amity Association, comprising well over two-thirds of the eligible school personnel, with a treasury of about \$25,000, from which it is preparing to start annuity payments. The janitorial force was first promised an individual charter from the AFL giving it full control over its own organization and its activities. But when this arrangement was about to be accepted by the workers, Mr. Quinn, to quote a letter written to the Post-Dispatch by one of the janitors, "forced a charter affiliation with the Building Service Employees down our throats."

This objector charges that other board members dare not raise their voices against Mr. Quinn. This is scarcely credible. If the board allows Mr. Quinn continue to use his position for personal ends, it will share in his misconduct.

## MR. KENNEDY SPEAKS PLAINLY.

There was scarcely a trace of evasiveness about Joseph P. Kennedy's remarks on returning to this country from his post as Ambassador to Britain. The reserved diplomat was banished for the moment when he faced the interviewers; the human being spoke forth. The latest Nazi outbreak? "It's terrible—most terrible thing I ever heard of." Chamberlain's appeasement policy? "Nothing has been accomplished." He faced frankly the possibility of European war in the near future. And as to America's position, "If war comes, we must stay out of it."

Kennedy confessed his indiscretion after his comment on the Nazi atrocities when he said: "I'll probably lose my job for saying that, but it stands." It was similar inability to suppress his feelings that contributed to the decision of William E. Dodd to resign a year ago as Ambassador to Germany.

It would take a man of granite heart to view the Nazis' medieval practices and refrain from expression. Mr. Kennedy commits a breach of strict diplomatic decorum with his plain words, but he speaks the sentiment of Americans, just as President Roosevelt did in saying a month ago he "could scarcely believe that such things could occur in a twentieth century civilization."

## BUSY DAYS AMONG THE NAME-CHANGERS.

Headlines chronicle the fact that the name of Ypres, Belgian village known to all overseas veterans as "Wipers," has been officially changed to Leper. This is interesting, but there has been some name-changing going on right here at home that the press appears to have missed. And many of the re-christenings, by the United States Board on Geographical Names, are good for arguments just as lively as the impending Ypres-Leper debate.

There are some changes for the better, so far as restoring homely place names is concerned. For instance, Charles Point, in Maryland, becomes Perlimon Point, and the name of Mud Lake, in Michigan, is altered to Chief Noonday Lake. But there are others in the contrary direction, such as the prettifying of Skunk Sound, N. J., into Mill Creek, and the alteration of Thundery Peak, Idaho, to Dunn Peak.

In other instances, the board seems to be a bit puristic, for it ordains that the former Possum Island, in Tar Bay, Md., shall henceforth be called Opossum Island. Redbank Borough, in Monmouth County, N. J., is separated into Red Bank Borough, which is a puzzling decision, considering that Calf Pasture Cove, on Eastern Neck Island, Md., has been merged into the clumsy Calpasture Cove.

This august body is an inveterate addict of name-changing, it appears. The bulletin records that not long ago it went to work on its own name, so that the former United States Geographic Board became the present United States Board on Geographical Names.

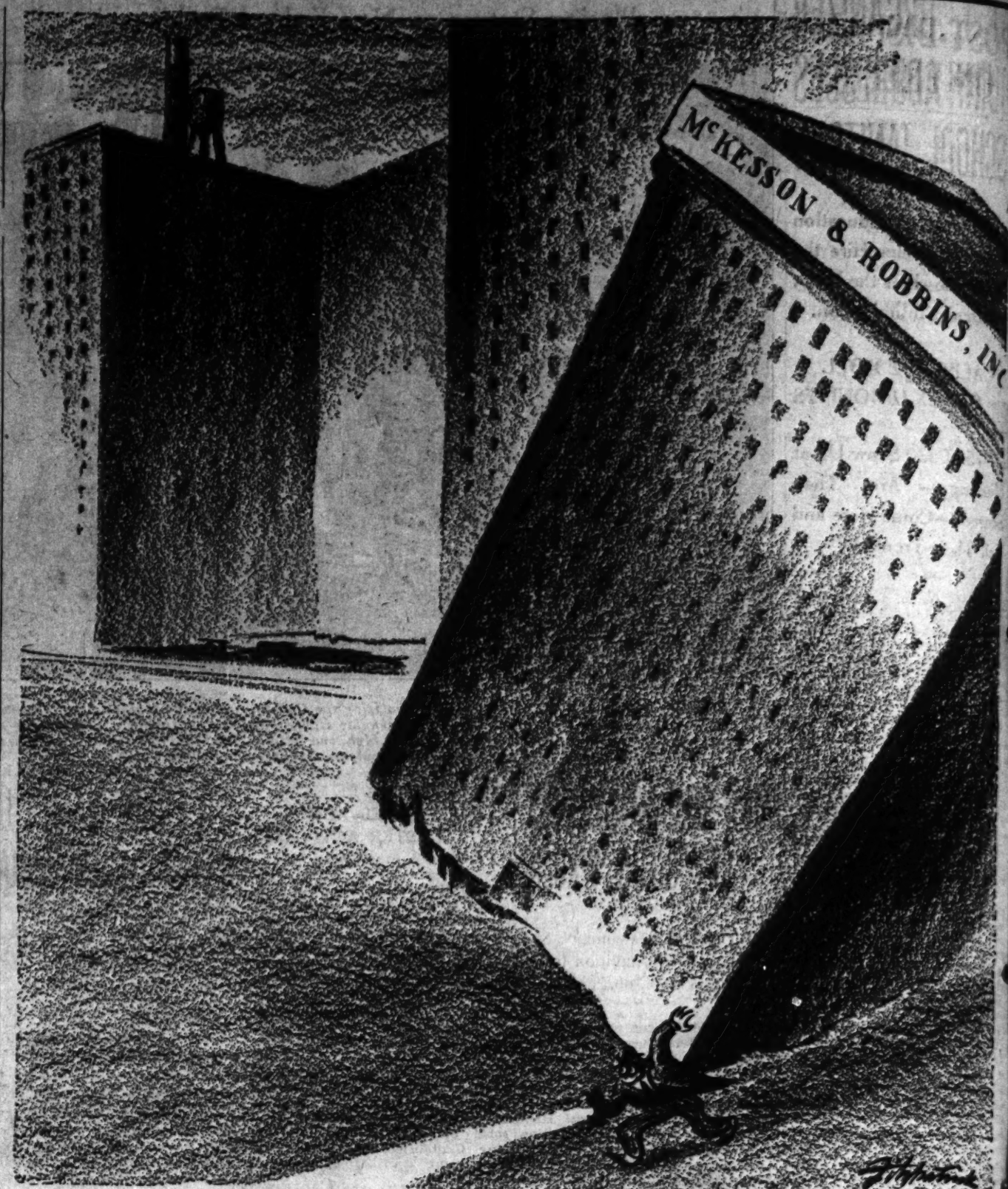
## DISCIPLINARY ACTION IS NEEDED.

In quelling the waterworks strike—which was essentially a strike against the public health and safety—the city authorities acted with admirable decision and dispatch. As a result, the city's homes and hospitals, as well as its business and industry, are assured of an uninterrupted supply of water.

The cause of organized labor has suffered, despite the fact that responsible elements in American Federation of Labor circles disapproved wholeheartedly of the strike. A meeting of the Central Trades and Labor Union is to be held tomorrow when disciplinary action against the offenders will be proposed.

The jurisdictional strike is indefensible at all times, and when it is also a strike against the public welfare, it is doubly damaging to organized labor.

The men responsible for the waterworks strike have been suspended from the payroll. The leaders who called this strike should now receive the sting of severe disciplinary action. They have demonstrated their total unfitness for their jobs.



WE'RE LIVING IN A GREAT AGE!

## Press Comment on Sixtieth Anniversary

60 YEARS OF THE POST-DISPATCH.

From the Columbia Missourian.

ON his retirement in 1907, Joseph Pulitzer expressed the hope that his St. Louis Post-Dispatch would "always fight for progress and reform" and "never be satisfied with merely printing news." These, and other wishes Mr. Pulitzer expressed in his farewell letter, have been embodied in the Post-Dispatch editorial masthead ever since that time.

On completing 60 years of active editorial life, Joseph Pulitzer's paper can look back on a record that has come reasonably close to meeting the founder's hopes. It has been, as its founder wished, "drastically independent."

It has, as Mr. Pulitzer hoped, never tolerated "injustice or corruption," and its fight on corruption has won two Pulitzer prizes and a medal of the University of Missouri School of Journalism. It has been ready to "always fight demagogues of all parties"—as many a national and local politician ruefully admits.

In its brilliant Washington corps and editorial staff, the Post-Dispatch has a personnel which is the envy of the newspaper world.

This personnel has given it a voice in national and local affairs that belies the plea that the press has lost its power.

## ADHERENCE TO IDEALS.

From the Nashville (Tenn.) Banner.

THE St. Louis Post-Dispatch of today makes clear proof that it is adhering to the high ideals which were embodied in the salutary editorial from Joseph Pulitzer on Dec. 12, 1878, when he declared: "The Post and Dispatch will serve no party but the people; will follow no caucuses but its own convictions; will oppose all frauds and shams wherever and whatever they are; will advocate principles and ideas rather than prejudices or partisanship."

The Post-Dispatch is one of the great newspapers of the country, and wields a wide and well-deserved influence.

## PROGRESS IN 10 YEARS.

From the Southeast Missourian (Cape Girardeau, Mo.).

THE sixtieth anniversary section of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch was a very fine edition, one that will be preserved for its modern historical significance. In answer to the question, "Whither America?" distinguished leaders of scientific, commercial and political thought, some of whom had contributed to the paper's fiftieth anniversary edition, gave their views of the changes that have come in the past decade.

The Post-Dispatch, one of the few truly great newspapers of the world, improves with the years. Unquestionably it is a greater newspaper than it was 10 years ago and is rendering a greater service to humanity. Most newspapers are better than they were 10 years ago and most of them are rendering a greater service to the people, because in these peculiar times the weak are getting weaker and the strong are getting stronger. In this transition the press is measuring up to its responsibilities.

What would be the condition in the United States today were it not for the untrammeled press?

No one knows better than President Roosevelt that the freedom of the press does not give the publishers the right to print anything they want to, but the right of the people to have free speech put into print for their benefit. The publishing business is as completely regulated by law as any other business, and publishers take good care to measure what goes into their col-

umns, but the Constitution gives them the right to publish the news, just as it gives every citizen the right to speak his mind, and this right covers particularly the course of public officials.

In reply to the question "Whither America?" President Roosevelt contributed an article on the freedom of the press.

No one who reads the Post-Dispatch regularly can suspect that its business office ever influences its policy, but, on the other hand, there are times when it seems that the newspaper goes out of its way to lose business.

And this is true of most newspapers that show the boys some Southern hospitality and listen to a few well-chosen words from time to time on the Sugar Control Act of 1937 and other vital matters to come up in the next Congress.

If the anxiety of the Post-Dispatch is explained by more than solicitude for the standards of good taste maintained by representatives in Congress, it might remind itself that three years ago a large delegation of Senators and Representatives, again including Senator Clark, was taken to the Philippines at the expense of the Philippine Government to witness or participate in the inauguration of the new Commonwealth.

It was, of course, an official visit in lieu of duty, but the Philippines may have hoped, in moments of sober second thought, that by extending hospitality to so many American statesmen, they would secure a relaxation of the American determination to cut down the amount of Philippine exports, including sugar, to this country. If so, the expectant Filipinos are still waiting for the payoff. Despite all that entertainment, the American Congress is still adamant.

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## BOASTS BY A MISSOURI TWIN.

From the Houston (Mo.) Herald.

THE Post-Dispatch has been and is a great newspaper, but there are some features wherein it does not compare with the Houston (Mo.) Herald. For instance: The Herald was also established in 1878, earlier in the year than December, and hence is an older paper than the Post-Dispatch. The Herald is read by more people in Texas County, far more, than the Post-Dispatch. The Herald has been of more benefit to this community, in which it has been published for the past 60 years, than the Post-Dispatch has been to this community, and even to that paper's own community.

Col. Charley Woods, when Mayor of Rolla, some years ago was with a party visiting New York City. A call was made on Mayor Jimmie Walker. When called on to talk, Col. Woods said: "More people from Rolla have visited New York City than ever from New York City visited Rolla." Col. Woods believed it was just as much honor in Rolla to be Mayor of Rolla, as it was in New York City to be Mayor of New York City.

So it is with the Post-Dispatch and the Houston Herald. The latter may not be as important in St. Louis and at large as the Post-Dispatch, but here in Texas County the Herald is of far more importance.

## AN INDEPENDENT JOURNAL.

From the Monroe County Appeal (Paris, Mo.).

THE St. Louis Post-Dispatch celebrated its sixtieth anniversary by making last Sunday's issue one of the most notable publications in all its history. President Roosevelt and other leaders of national prominence contributed articles of unusual merit.

The Post-Dispatch continues to increase its hold on popular interest and confidence by its disposition to bow to the logic of events and by its refusal to subordinate everything to futile efforts to create sentiment for the return of an order which perished with the passing of the Harding, Coolidge and Hoover era.

It is disagreeing in a temperate and logical manner with some of the New Deal policies and is otherwise demonstrating that it really is an independent journal, which is quite in contrast to many other great newspapers, which, while posing as independent publications, are Republican papers of the most partisan sort.

## When Statesmen Go Junketing

From the Baltimore Sun.

IN an ironical editorial, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch lets itself go on the subject of a junket which 40 Senators and Representatives, including Senator Bennett Clark of Missouri, took to Florida, with all expenses paid.

The Post-Dispatch mentions the fact that "Clarence R. Bittling, president of the United States Sugar Corporation (which collected \$1,067,065 for not growing sugar cane from 1933 to 1935), was the 'busted man on the train,' according to the Miami Herald," and explains that "Southern hospitality saw to it that the guests had nothing to do but enjoy balmy breezes and flattering civility and listen to a few well-chosen words from time to time on the Sugar Control Act of 1937 and other vital matters to come up in the next Congress."

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## LESSON IN ONE-ARM BANDITRY.

From the Pittsburgh Press.

INSTRUCTOR P. M. RICKBAUGH of the Omaha Technical High School had an excellent idea. He borrowed a confederated slot machine from the Sheriff, took it apart to show his pupils that the "jack pot" combination had been so doctored that it couldn't possibly pay off, and then gave them slugs with which to play the machine. Of 34 who tried, not one broke through.

We should like to add our own conviction to play slot machines. But everyone knows, without looking at the inner works, that these machines are "one-armed bandits," liberally fixed to take in more than they pay out. They can't be beaten—but give men and women, as well as children, some time to put money into them.

Why? We don't know, unless it is that America is full of people like the strange one who was warned that he was getting into a crooked poker game. "I know it," he said, "but it's the only game in town."

## CHAMBERLAIN'S VISITING LIST.

From the Montgomery (Ala.) Advertiser.

M. R. CHAMBERLAIN thrice has called on Herr Hitler. He has just returned from a visit to M. Daladier. Now he is planning a trip to see the boss of Rome, Signor Mussolini. Isn't it about time he paid a courtesy call on a democrat?

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ON FREE

THE POST-DISPATCH opinions on an important question, raised by President Roosevelt Sunday in the Sixtieth Anniversary letter, the President said: "I have always been of the opinion that the press should not be edited in the executive room, and I would not have that question, particularly in this case. How many bogies are there in the press?"

The Post-Dispatch asks: "Responses published by A. Beard, A. C. Willard, Magill, George B. Dealey, William Allen White, and others, the Emporia Free Press, Kan."

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## POST-DISPATCH SYMPOSIUM ON FREEDOM OF THE PRESS

THE POST-DISPATCH today publishes the fifth installment of opinions on an important question concerning freedom of the press, by President Roosevelt in his letter to the Editor published last Sunday in the Sixtieth Anniversary Section of the Post-Dispatch. In his letter, the President said:

"I have always been firmly persuaded that our newspapers cannot be edited in the interests of the general public, from the printing room. And I wish we could have a national symposium on this question, particularly in its relation to the freedom of the press. How many doubts are conjured up by invoking that greatly overworked phrase!"

The Post-Dispatch asked a selected group for expressions of opinion. Responses published today are from William Allen White, Charles A. Beard, A. C. Willard, Paul Hutchinson, Virginia Dabney, A. B. MacLean, George B. Dealey and Carl D. Grost.

President Roosevelt, who generally knows his way around America, is dead wrong when he declares that there is danger that the newspapers may be "edited from the counting room." The direct evil influence of the business office on a newspaper is not what the public thinks it is. As a matter of fact, insofar as newspapers are influenced and their social and economic policies, the influence comes more insidiously than from direct business office orders. That influence stems largely from the fact that newspapers are profitable concerns. They pay good salaries. They land their employees into the middle class from printers and pressmen to managing editors, advertising salesmen and copy desk men and regular men in the news department and circulation department. A middle class complex colors the men who do the writing and the editing of the American newspapers. There is not much you can do about it until you abolish the middle class, which with lifted eyes and supple fingers I pray heaven forbid.

It is not question the middle class influence on newspapers, even the upper middle class, even a definite slant toward a hard-boiled plutocratic attitude. That attitude is the price we pay for a middle class and so long as the middle class is willing to live over and add the poor coming up into the middle class bed on one side and the rich coming down on the other side of the bed, probably the best thing to do is to raise as much fuss as possible about the middle class. The middle class is a class of newspapers and not growing sugar cane (1935), was the "busiest man" according to the Miami Herald. The middle class is a class of newspapers and not growing sugar cane (1935), was the "busiest man" according to the Miami Herald. The middle class is a class of newspapers and not growing sugar cane (1935), was the "busiest man" according to the Miami Herald.

Charles A. Beard, historian, political economist, contributor of article "The Stream of Tendencies in American Government" in the Sixtieth Anniversary Section:

"President Roosevelt's letter to the Post-Dispatch is a magnificent document in the history of thought about journalism and its role in the intellectual life of America. It strikes right into the heart of the most fundamental problem, which newspaper men have raised for themselves, namely, what is to be the relation between the editorial and the business side of the newspaper. Besides the illustrations, by apt quotations from old newspapers, the chief trouble with newspapers today, that is, the almost infinite capacity to repeat old clap-trap in the same way, without even the addition of new liturgical texts.

"It is, of course, obvious to all that there has been a revolution in the newspaper business since the days of Horace Greeley. No longer can an aspiring young journalist borrow a few hundred dollars, buy a hand press and a few fonts of type and launch out for himself, bidding for readers by his genius for gathering news and writing editorials. Now it takes a big counting room to keep the newspaper going and young journalists must keep their eyes on that brutal fact if they want to rise to positions of power in the newspaper world.

"The difficulty of the newspaper business, as I see it, is the tendency of proprietors to think of their property in terms of long ago. An independent farmer who produces nearly all his food and his family and sells little and can do very much as he pleases with his property from the days of independent farmers who were independent of the market. The newspaper is like the farmer who has a right to do what he likes with his own. But for the manufacturer of goods or the dispenser of news it is an empty right, for he must sell, that is, he must depend upon the good will and judgment of customers and patrons. Hence, he had better watch his step. Judging by the experiences of long history, the universe is ruthless with the man who insists, willy nilly, on doing what he likes with his own. Hence the fellow who has his eyes glued on dividends and the sources of dividends is likely to be the first to be obliterated from the great sea of oblivion without any dividends at all.

"On that other problem, freedom of the press, a great deal of nonsense is written, and the subject is more and more clouded by the practice of assuming that freedom of the press means the obligation to tell the truth or even to fair to anybody. In its origin freedom of the press had little or nothing to do with truth-telling. In fact most of the early newspapers established in the United States after the adoption of the Constitution were partisan sheets devoted to savage attacks on party opponents. It was to take George Washington's own statement at face value, it was a serious abuse by the press which drew him into retirement at the end of his second term. Freedom of the press means the right to be

## Commentator Visits City

### BOAKE CARTER CHARGES RADIO IS BEING CENSORED

Commentator, in Address in St. Louis, Says Restrictions on Freedom Began Six Months Ago.

There is no longer freedom of discussion on American radio networks and the New Deal is seeking to destroy newspapers to silence them, it was charged by Boake Carter, columnist and radio commentator, addressing nearly 1000 persons at a Contemporary Club dinner at Hotel Jefferson last night.

"Censorship (on the radio) began six months ago," he asserted, "and has been more or less progressive for 12 months. Authorities of the chains in New York are doing it, due to small corners of the New Deal, as distinguished from the Democratic party. Among these are Steve Early, the President's press secretary; Charlie Michelson, hatchet man No. 1; Ickes, Hopkins, Tommy Corcoran and that type of individual."

"The question of freedom of the press is bound up with the kind of society we live in and the kind of democracy it creates. No one expects a public relations counsel to express views other than those of the firm that employs him. In a sense our daily press is a large-scale public relations counsel, conveying to its readers in the totality of its contents the beliefs, fears and prejudices of the dominant financial and industrial interests. Within these rigorously defined limits, however, it undoubtedly is true that a greater or lesser responsiveness to the needs and wishes of the majority of the people is possible. The threat to even that limited freedom of the press which now exists comes from the efforts of those within Joseph Pulitzer called the 'predatory plutocracy' to curtail still further this area of social responsiveness. In the press of the Fascist dictatorships we see the completion of this process."

"President Roosevelt is, therefore, entirely right when he writes in the Post-Dispatch, he points to the newspaper counting room as embodying the danger to freedom of the press. And that counting room extends, of course, beyond the newspaper office itself into the inner sancta of Wall Street. Social organizations as the American Newspaper Guild, and the progressive political movement developing around the New Deal are salutary influences in counteracting the anti-democratic forces that are the sappers and destroyers of freedom of the press."

"But the President puts his finger on the live issue, he hints that there are those who feel that the issue of freedom of the press has been falsified by some who have recently raised it. The newspaper publishers who fought against having the wage-and-hour provisions of the NRA applied to their business, who have been fighting the labor amendment lest its enactment deprive them of the services of the 'little merchants' who were peddling their wares, always appealed for support to the sacred principle of the freedom of the press. The result is a widespread public cynicism. Thousands of Americans today, whenever they hear the A. N. P. A. (American Newspaper Publishers' Association) or Elisha Hanson or Col. McCormick begin to shout for press freedom immediately begin to wonder what kind of law the publishers want to wriggle out of now."

"Nor is this any sign of lack of interest in a free press on the part of these Americans. But they make a distinction between the press as a conveyor of editorial views and news and the press as a part of American industry, paying wages and dividends (consequently) and every other way conducting itself just like any other manufacturing concern. The freedom which it is important to maintain is freedom for the press as a purveyor of editorial opinions and news. The freedom which the publishers seem most interested in is freedom for their manufacturing concern. That is where the issue really lies today, and until the publishers acknowledge it and face it with candor they need not expect to obtain much response from the public when they appeal for support under the Bill of Rights."

George B. Dealey, publisher, The Dallas News:

"The danger pointed out by the President is a real one—and has always been since newspapers were invented. Yet the danger is to the life of the newspaper in its situation, not to its readers. A journal which betrays its readers by means of special pleading for advertisers will go bankrupt, for the individual reader remains the only censor. That is not to say that a newspaper can be truly independent only when it attacks all that business and industry stand for. The run-of-the-mine publishers of America as well as the bulk of their readers are thoroughly committed to the capitalist system based on private profit."

Carl D. Grost, editor The Cincinnati Post:

"The President is, in my opinion, correct in believing that a newspaper cannot be edited in the interest of the general public from the counting room. But I believe he is wrong if he assumes that many papers are so edited. In our group, the Scripps-Howard, it has long been customary to have a sharp separation of editorial and business departments, and this custom has operated to produce strongly independent editorial rooms."

"Among editors, I hear frequently the suggestion that certain elements of the population tend to exert more pressure upon newspapers than the counting room or the business community ever dreamed of."

JOSE MARIA SERT'S WIFE DIES

She Was Sister of Alexis, Serge and David Mdivani.

By The Associated Press.

PARIS, Dec. 17.—Press dispatches today announced the death Friday of Jose Maria Sert, sister of the Georgian Princes, Alexis, Serge and David Mdivani, at a Lausanne hospital. She was the wife of the famous Spanish painter, Jose Maria Sert.

At her bedside were her husband and her brother-in-law, Denis Conan Doyle, a son of the late Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, the author.

## PATENT CONTROL HINDERS BUSINESS, CARTER SAYS

Chairman of Monopoly Committee Points Out Artificial Restraints Prevent Development.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—After a week-long investigation of the glass container industry, Chairman O'Mahoney, (Dem.), Wyoming, of the Monopoly Committee said last night that control of essential patents had enabled a small group to affect competition, limit production, stabilize prices, and prevent new competitors from entering the field.

At the same time, Thurman Arnold, Assistant Attorney-General and a member of the committee, said the situation was typical of that prevailing in numerous other industries.

During yesterday's hearing, Government investigators produced figures to show that the Hartford-Empire Co. of Hartford, Conn., which holds essential patents for the production of glass containers, received last year a net return of 67 per cent on the capital employed in its operations. These figures were described by a company officer as substantially correct.

Forced to Quit Business.

S. A. Coleman of Santa Anna, Tex., former president of Knappe-Glass Co., testified that by litigation and patent control he had been forced to quit business. He also demanded that Sidney Hillman, textile workers' chairman and vice-president of the CIO, "show the textile workers' books as to membership and finances, pursuant to his claim of a 400,000 membership."

The split in the CIO ranks over organization of the textile industry's 1,300,000 workers arose earlier this week when Gorman declared he had become a member of the CIO's chief rival, the American Federation of Labor.

That four directors of the Corning Glass Works at Corning, N. Y., sit on Hartford-Empire's board of nine directors, and that through an intermediate company, Corning has a 43 per cent stock ownership in Hartford-Empire.

That by a cross-licensing agreement between Corning and Hartford-Empire, the glass manufacturers are denied the use of Hartford-Empire machinery for the production of heat-resisting ware—baking dishes and the like—which is a principal line of production for Corning.

Two companies, Corning and General Electric, produce practically all the nation's electric light bulbs.

To Analyze Act.

Members of the committee said today they would seek to analyze patenting strategy in the light of the Clayton Anti-trust act, and after they resume hearings next month, which administer certain provisions of the act, is expected to make a general presentation of evidence relating to monopolistic trade practices.

The committee invited representatives of the glass container industry to submit recommendations to speed up patent litigation or any other changes in existing law.

Senator King (Dem.), Utah, suggested that the committee establish a special court to have final jurisdiction, except under certain circumstances, on patent appeals brought directly from the Federal District Courts.

Chairman Sumners (Dem.), Tennessee, of the House Judiciary Committee suggested they also express their opinions as to the advisability of compelling patent holders to issue licenses to competing manufacturers.

NEW STATE OFFICE BUILDING  
COMPLETED AND OCCUPIED

Structure Finished Two Weeks Ahead of Schedule; 17 Agencies Move In.

By The Associated Press.

JEFFERSON CITY, Dec. 17.—The State's new \$78,000 office building was completed yesterday two weeks ahead of schedule and the last of the 17 State agencies it was designed to house had moved in from the Capitol across the street.

Ground was broken for the eight-story structure last March. Agencies housed in the new building are: Department of Agriculture, Athletic Commission, Building and Loan Supervision, Bureau of Mines, Eleemosynary Board, Department of Finance, Board of Health, Highway Patrol, Insurance Department, Labor and Industrial Inspection Department, Library Commission, Department of Liquor Control, State Planning Board, Board of Nurse Examiners, Department of Oil Inspection, Social Security Commission, and Workmen's Compensation Commission.

Flood Control Resolution.

By The Associated Press.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 17.—The Mississippi Valley Flood Control Association adopted resolutions yesterday urging a \$50,000,000 annual appropriation for flood control work in the lower Mississippi Valley and an unspecified additional amount for work on the tributaries of the Mississippi. Senator John H. Overton, (Dem.), Louisiana, sponsor of the 1938 Flood Control Act, was re-elected president and F. D. Benke of Memphis was re-elected secretary-treasurer. Vice-presidents included Sam Hunter, Missouri.

## ACTRESS OVER WHOM DUEL WAS FOUGHT ARRIVES IN U. S.

Annabella Says She Is "So Sorry" About "Hit of Trouble" in Buenos Aires.

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 17.—Annabella, French movie actress, refused to reply yesterday when asked if she had quarreled in South America with Tyrone Power, American movie star.

Stepping ashore from the Caribbean clipper after a flight from Trinidad, she declared herself "so sorry" over reports of a duel in Buenos Aires in which she figured, but said she "never" discussed her private affairs when questioned about Power.

The duel with swords was reported to have followed the resentment of an admirer, Guillermo Madero, over newspaper men interviewing Annabella in Buenos Aires.

Editor Ricardo Ferra, Ramos, Madero's objection with an editorial. The two were reported to have fought a duel in which Madero suffered a slight arm injury.

"I did not know about the duel until I read of it in the newspaper," she said. "I was in a bit of trouble, and I am so sorry," said Annabella.

TEXTILE WORKERS ADVISED  
BY GORMAN NOT TO PAY CIO

Leader of A. F. L. Unit Also Urges Four Vice-Presidents Be Ousted.

By The Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Francis J. Gorman, president of the United Textile Workers, advised the 700 locals of his union today to stop their payments to the CIO's Textile Workers' Organizing Committee.

Denouncing the CIO unit which he alleged a Rhode Island court decision has dissolved, Gorman urged members to oust four vice-presidents who opposed his move against the CIO.

He also demanded that Sidney Hillman, textile workers' chairman and vice-president of the CIO, "show the textile workers' books as to membership and finances, pursuant to his claim of a 400,000 membership."

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CHILDREN OF IOWA BACHELOR  
WIN PART OF HIS ESTATE

Each Gets \$50,000 in Trust Funds and Land From Holdings of M. E. Griffin.

By The Associated Press.

SPENCER, Ia., Dec. 17.—After 13 years of litigation the estate of Marion E. Griffin, banker and extensive landholder here, was settled yesterday by final disposition of the estate's assets.

Concessions were made to the two principal contestants for the estate, the former Grace Stevenson of Des Moines, Ia., and Elsie Edwards of Chicago.

Griffin left an estate valued at \$600,000 when he died in 1925. A bachelor, he distributed the money and real estate to various charitable institutions, individuals and civic and municipal groups. The litigation began when the women established that they were the children of Griffin. They were each given two \$25,000 trust funds and some land.

EDEN CHEERED AT DOCK  
AS HE SAILS FOR HOME

Britain Says He and Wife Have Enjoyed Every Moment of Visit.

By The Associated Press.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Anthony Eden, former British Foreign Secretary, sailed for home yesterday, after a visit to the United States.

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## BARKLEY SAYS RELIEF OUTLAY WILL BE CUT

Senate Leader Says \$30,000,000 a Month Reduction Is Hoped for in Spring.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Senator Barkley (Dem.), Kentucky, said today that the administration expected to reduce relief spending about \$30,000,000 monthly in the spring and early summer.

He said Congress would be asked to appropriate not more than \$600,000,000 for the WPA for March 1 to July 1—the closing four months of this fiscal year.

The Senate majority leader said he believed a reduction in the current rate of relief expenditures would be possible because of improving business conditions and because FWA and housing spending will be at its peak in March and April.

The last Congress appropriated \$1,426,000,000 for the WPA for the eight months ending next March. If this rate of expenditure were continued, an appropriation of about \$713,000,000 would be required to carry the program to July 1.

"I believe we can hold the appropriation down to between \$500,000,000 and \$600,000,000—certainly not more than \$600,000,000," Barkley declared.

Asked about reports that the administration may support a proposal that the amount of WPA funds be spent in each state be determined by a definite formula, Barkley said he would want to examine the formula thoroughly before he approved it. Suggestions have been made that population, need and the area in which relief is to be distributed be taken into consideration in future allocations.

"It's pretty hard," Barkley commented, "to write a formula that will take care of relief needs in all of the states and not work a hardship on some of them."

Barkley said he expected Congress after voting an appropriation for the remainder of this year, to "take its time" about writing next year's relief measure.

DIE MAKERS AND EMPLOYERS  
MEET TO TRY TO END STRIKE

Union Seeks to Force Firms to Deal Collectively With It in Renewal of Contract.

Representatives of 800 cutting die makers, on strike since noon yesterday, and officers of 10 firms closed by the strike were to meet today at the Chase Hotel in an effort to settle their differences. The strike was called in an effort to force employers to deal collectively with the union in the renewal of contracts which expired Dec. 1.

Since December, 1933, the International Association of Machinists, Local 187, has dealt collectively with the die makers, Lloyd Weber, business agent for the union, said today to a Post-Dispatch reporter today. After the contracts expired Dec. 1, the union obtained "pretty nearly" what it wanted, but details of the individual contracts were not uniform, he added.

Weber said the strike was in effect at Western Supplies Co., 2920 Cass avenue; Foley & Hallquist, 1516 North Seventeenth street; Superior Cutting Die Co., 2920 Cass avenue; St. Louis Cutting Die Co., 2118 Pershing street; Acme Cutting Die Co., 2904 South Broadway; Universal Die Co., 2713 Hickory street; Independent Die and Supply Co., 2637 La Salle street; Hercules Die Co., 4722 Newcomb place; Randolph Cutting Die Co., 2500 North Tenth street, and Progressive Service Co., 2745 Locust street.

STANLEY MCCORMICK'S WIFE  
GETS \$300,000 ALLOWANCE

Report Lists Estate of Husband Who Was Stricken by Incompetent, at \$40,574,000.

By The Associated Press.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—Katherine Dexter McCormick of Cleveland, wife of Stanley H. McCormick, who was adjudged incompetent in 1906, was granted yesterday an allowance of \$300,000 from the estate of her husband, the annual report of the conservators of the estate.

M McCormick, 60-year-old heir of Cyrus H. McCormick Sr., resides in Montecito, Cal.

The report, filed with Probate Judge John F. O'Connell, estimated the present value of the estate at \$40,574,139. Fees allowed by the Court included \$100,000 for the Continental Illinois National Bank and Trust Co. as conservator.

NAZIS BEHEAD HOLDUP MAN

Woman Companion in Crime Spared by Hitler.

By The Associated Press.

NURENBERG, Germany, Dec. 17.—Willi Heller, 24 years old, was beheaded today after having been sentenced yesterday on a charge of attempting to kill a taxicab driver in a holdup. The death sentence of his woman companion, Hanna Muendi, 21, who also was found guilty, was commuted to life imprisonment by Chancellor Hitler.

The beheading was the seventh since special courts were established last month to stamp out crime.

SEVEN ITALIAN FLYERS KILLED

Bombing Plane Crashes Near Cesena; No Details.

By The Associated Press.

CESENA, Italy, Dec. 17.—Seven Italian Air Corps members were killed when a bombing plane crashed near Cesena, it was announced yesterday. Details of the crash were not given.

## BRAMH'S SYMPHONY PLAYED BY ORCHESTRA

First Performance Also Given of 'Ballet Music for Small Orchestra.'

By THOMAS B. SHERMAN.

The Fourth Brahms Symphony, played with solidity, depth and a fine flowing, lyrical line was the feature of yesterday's concert by the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra in the Municipal Auditorium. Conductor Vladimir Cosma, who addressed himself to this truly monumental work with a characteristic combination of seriousness and grace, and the result was a performance that had both a poetic surface and a rich, underlying gravity.

The structural qualities of this symphony have made it something of a trap for conductors with more intellect than humor. Its perspective, breadth, cross-rhythms and general architectural complexity require such close attention, lest it become a monotonous, opaque, that has some times appeared as a mere tour de force of scholarly craftsmanship. But its emotional force is what makes it so appealing to the generality of concert goers; what makes it, in fact, a great symphony instead of a fascinatingly organized exercise.

The graceful touch in the first and fourth movements supplied the element of continuity which gave the music its necessary sweep. In the Allegro Giocoso the true character of its German heartiness was diluted somewhat. But better than the heavy-footed humor with which it is often presented.

The orchestra played with energy and spirit.

Another number which was unusually well received was Prokofiev's "Lieutenant Kijé," which was given first in the "Music of Our Time" Sunday afternoon concert. Since that performance the orchestra and Mr. Golschmann have made it even more precise, more pointed and—in general—more effective. As it was written for a moving picture, it follows a program closely, as it happens, from the dramatic ideas go into something of a descending in the last section. But the performance was so clever, especially in the contrapuntal weaving of two of its leading melodies, that one followed it with unrelaxed fascination until the end.

Two other numbers on the program were Alexander Tananman's "Two Symphonic Moments," which had been played before at these concerts, and a first performance of a short suite called "Ballet Music for Small Orchestra" by Ernest Kautsky, an Austrian composer now living in this country. The latter, written in an idiom loosely described as a modern idiom, was clever without being charming. Its ideas were not arresting enough to command a continuous interest save when the orchestra gave both numbers good performances.

ICKES AND KELLY OFFICIALLY  
START CHICAGO'S SUBWAY

Parade to Scene of Ceremonies; \$40,000,000 Structure to Be Begun by 1946.

By The Associated Press.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—Chicago's \$40,000,000 subway system, a civic dream for 30 years, was officially started today on a small square of pavement in State street.

There were silver-plated spades and a pneumatic shovel, more than 200 dignitaries gathered for the ceremonies.

Secretary of the Interior Harold I. Ickes, who, as Public Works Administrator, approved a \$18,000,000 grant for the work, and Mayor Edward J. Kelly were the principal speakers.

The Black Horse cavalry troop and a drum and bugle corps were in a parade to the scene of the ceremonies near Chicago avenue, north of the Loop.

Only a few symbolic nicks were to be put in the pavement today. Actual work will be started later. Engineers have estimated the system would be completed by Jan. 30, 1940.

DANIELS RETURNING TO U. S.

Envoys Notes Improved Religious Relations in Mexico.

By The Associated Press.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 17.—Ambassador Joseph Daniels left last night with Mrs. Daniels for Washington, where he is scheduled to arrive Tuesday for conferences with President Roosevelt and State Department officials. From there he planned to go to Raleigh, N. C., to spend the holidays.

Daniels said before leaving that he had been informed of improved conditions regarding freedom of worship in Mexico. He said his information had been gained in talks with Mexican officials on Luis Maria Martinez, Catholic Archbishop of Mexico. There were reports, meanwhile, that the Bishop of Tabasco State had returned to his post. All churches in Tabasco were under Gov. Tomas Garza Canabal, who went out of office in 1935.

SHOPPING DAYS  
TO CHRISTMAS

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# STOCK LIST

## ON A NIGHT

### TURNOVER

Minor Gains and Losses Are About Evenly Divided—A Few Steels, Aircrafts, Utilities and Specialties Gain.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Selected stocks displayed recovery symptoms in today's market but many issues still were inclined to rest after their recent climb.

While individual spots of strength and weakness were in evidence at the close, minor gains and losses were about evenly divided. Numerous stocks were unchanged. Dealings were quiet throughout and transfers totaled 452,870 shares for the two hours.

A few steels, aircrafts, utilities and specialties gave the best account of themselves. Motors, rails, oils, mail orders and coppers held to a narrowly uneven group.

Further weakness of Loew's was somewhat of a chilling influence on speculative sentiment. This stock, off nearly 5 points yesterday, added about 2 more to the recession.

U. S. Steel and Bethlehem drew support notwithstanding another downturn in steel mill operations next week was believed in the cards. At the same time, orders from railroads and other quarters were expected to prop this industry in the early part of 1939.

Boeing Pushes Forward. Boeing pushed up as earnings prospects from war plane building brightened for this manufacturer. Douglas, Sperry, Glenn Martin and United Aircraft, lacking vitality. On the rise of the aviation group was the action of Secretary of Labor Perkins in fixing a minimum wage of 50 cents an hour for aircraft makers under the Public Contracts Act. A 50-cent recommendation previously had been made.

General Motors and Chrysler were unable to go along, although December sales for most automobile distributors, running some 30 per cent above a year ago, were said to be better than anticipated.

Decision of Southeastern railways to cut passenger fares as a means of stimulating traffic left most carrier shares quiet. Santa Fe was heavier than other rail issues despite estimates this road's November net topped the 1937 month by around \$1,000,000.

Buyers nibbled at Consolidated Edison, North American, Chesapeake & Ohio, Anaconda, Kennecott, Sears Roebuck, Standard Oil of N. J., Goodrich, Western Union and American Telephone.

Bonds were a trifle easier and commodities were irregular.

Day's 15 Most Active Stocks. Sales, closing price and net change of the 15 most active stocks: Loew's Inc., 34.00, 51 1/2, down 1 1/2; Paramount Pictures, 10.00, 12 1/2, unchanged; Greyhound, 9.00, 20 1/2, down 1 1/2; Bendix Aviation, 8.00, 25 1/2, up 1/2; Transamerica, 8.00, 6 1/2, up 1/2; Eastern Air Lines, 8.00, 16 1/2, up 1/2; U. S. Steel, 7.00, 6 1/2, unchanged; Reo Motor, 5.00, 14 1/2, up 1/2; Commonwealth & Southern, 4.00, 13 1/2, unchanged; General Electric, 4.00, 13 1/2, unchanged; Bethlehem Steel, 4.00, 7 1/2, up 1/2; General Motors, 4.00, 4 1/2, down 1/2; New York Central, 4.00, 13 1/2, down 1/2; United Corporation, 4.00, 3 1/2, unchanged; North American, 4.00, 2 1/2, down 1/2.

# INDEX

## COMMODITY

### AVERAGES

Other statistics showing economic trend

TREND OF STAPLE PRICES. NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—The Associated Press data show a slight rise in staple commodities.

Wheat—High 100.00, Low 99.00, Close 99.50. Corn—High 100.00, Low 99.00, Close 99.50. Soybeans—High 100.00, Low 99.00, Close 99.50.

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# TODAY'S

## NEW YORK STOCK

### MARKET

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Total sales today on the New York Stock Exchange amounted to 452,870 shares, compared with 1,147,240 yesterday, 405,610 a week ago and 500,550 a year ago. Total sales from Jan. 1 to date were 283,878,189 shares, compared with 305,832,892 a year ago and 480,851,251 two years ago.

Following is a complete list of transactions giving sales, high, low, closing prices and net changes:

Stocks and Bonds	Sales	High	Low	Close	Chg.
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# INVESTMENT FIRM STRESSED 'SAFETY' IN SALES TALKS

## SEC Affidavit Filed in Connection With Fraud Charge Against Fidelity Association.

### IT DESCRIBES FIVE TYPES OF CONTRACTS

#### Says Concern Used Facsimile Letters of West Virginia Officials Against Their Wishes.

By the Associated Press. WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Salesmen of the Fidelity Investment Association, which sold \$400,000,000 in securities to the public before it was charged with fraud by the Securities and Exchange Commission, stressed "safeguards" and "protection" to buyers, an SEC affidavit filed yesterday states.

The affidavit was filed in the United States District Court for Eastern Michigan by Edward C. Jagerman, SEC attorney.

The affidavit says the company supplied its salesmen with facsimile certificates and letters from various West Virginia State officials and these facsimiles "were used in the sale of defendant's securities."

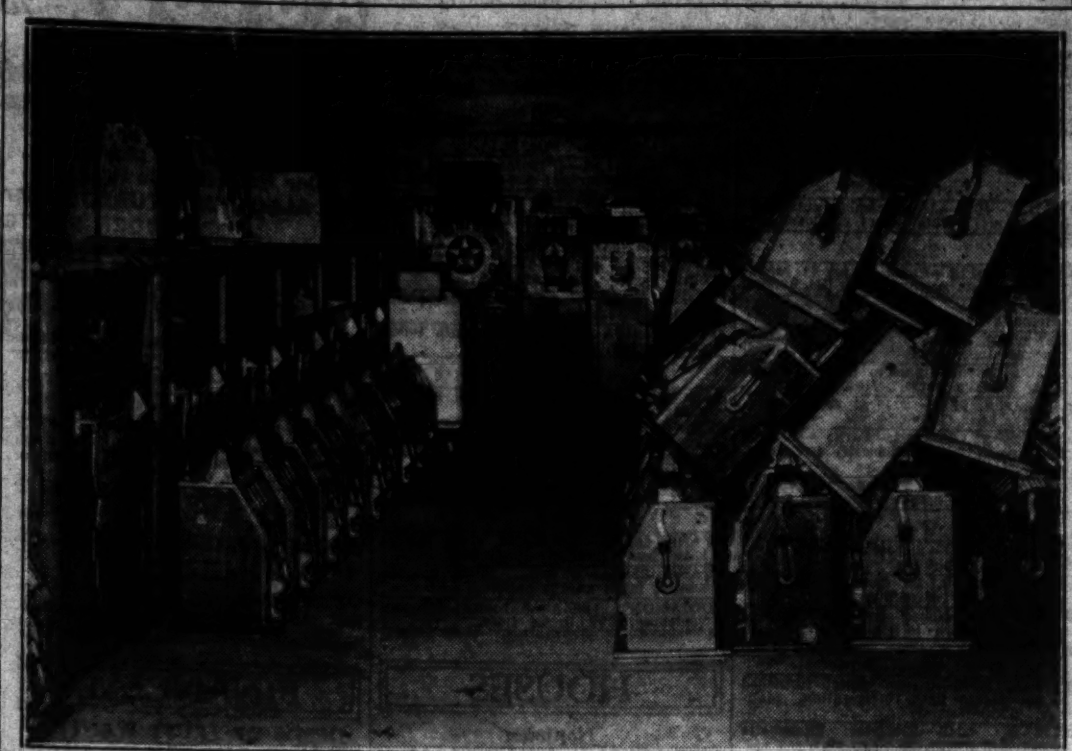
"Permission to use these facsimiles for selling purposes has not been granted but has been expressly objected to by said officials," the affidavit says.

The contract behind the "contract" was a "contract" which the company offered for sale of five types, special income, special annuity, series "A," series "B," and series "D," the affidavit says.

Fundamentally alike. These contracts are, in their operation and terms, fundamentally alike and all bear unit face maturities which represent the aggregate of an optional 10 annual installment settlement, the statement continues.

The income and annuity contracts call for a \$60 initial payment to the company and 136 monthly payments of \$10 each.

# Slot Machines Seized in Madison County



PART of the two moving vans loaded of slot machines seized by Sheriff Walter R. Whitman of Madison County, recently elected on an anti-gambling platform, in a raid yesterday on a building at the rear of the Maryland Real Estate Co. in Nantux, a firm headed by Harry Murdoch, boss of the East Side policy and slot machine syndicates. Eight deputies, two armed with submachine guns, accompanied the Sheriff. Murdoch formerly lived across the street from the real estate office.

# MISS ETING DENIES SNYDER'S TESTIMONY

## She and Alderman Say Pianist Was Unarmed Night of Shooting.

By the Associated Press. LOS ANGELES, Dec. 17.—Testimony in the trial of Martin (the Gimp) Snyder on attempted murder charges, near his old and today, took a final, sordid turn which brought a flurry of denials.

Snyder, claiming he still loves Ruth Etting although the singer has divorced him and remarried, denied he knew anything about a letter written to him at his Hollywood hotel by a New York girl also registered there.

The letter, signed "Etting," unbraided Snyder for neglecting her after "the other night when I did give myself to you."

"If I happened to be a hussy, I, of course, would and could realize that after all you were just a man for the evening," it continued.

It asked Snyder to "come by tonight," but that night he was arrested on a charge of shooting Myrl Alderman, former accompanist of Miss Etting.

Prosecutor U. U. Blalock introduced the letter in an apparent attempt to show that Snyder, while professing he still loved his ex-wife, had other intentions.

# ARMY DEVELOPS 6-MILE-A-MINUTE ATTACK BOMBER

## New Plane Will Be Able to Fire on Troops on Ground and Drop Projectiles.

By the Associated Press. WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The Army Air Corps is developing a revolutionary new type of airplane in its race to keep ahead of other countries in aviation advances.

Authoritative sources described the new weapon today as an attack bomber, combining features of existing attack and bombing planes.

It is expected to approach the six-mile-a-minute pace of the latest pursuit craft.

Guided by air corps specifications, a dozen manufacturers have been working since early this year on experimental models to be submitted to the army along with bids by March 8 at Wright Field, Dayton, O.

The new attack bomber, military circles heard, is a two-motor craft which will be able to pour heavy machine gun fire on troops on the ground as well as to carry on bombing operations.

If air corps hopes are realized, the plane will be able to outspeed or overwhelm all but the most advanced of hostile fighter planes, or effectively "strafe" enemy ground forces.

Another army aviation advance is a faster "flying fortress" bomber, a refinement of the design of the six-engine craft, which made a spectacular round trip flight to Buenos Aires last February. It will have superchargers to step up performance of the four motors and will be able to attain a speed of more than 250 miles an hour.

# ST. CLAIR COUNTY GETS MADISON'S GAMBLERS

## Venice Dice Game Moves Half Mile to Harlem Club, Brooklyn.

The rattle of dice and click of roulette balls at the notorious Hyde Park Club in Venice, Madison County, which died away after the new county administration took office Dec. 5, was heard anew today in the Harlem Club in Brooklyn, St. Clair County, less than half a mile away across the county line.

Grapevine reports were that operators of gambling joints in Madison County, unhappy over the anti-gambling expressions of the new State's Attorney, R. W. Griffith, and the new Sheriff, Walter E. Whitman, were seeking new fields for attracting St. Louisans with spare change.

So far, however, the game at the Harlem Club is the only big one in St. Clair County. The two principal gambling houses in East St. Louis were closed Dec. 4, apparently as a precautionary measure before Dr. A. Prindle called on the new Sheriff.

Informants said several truckloads of craps tables, roulette wheels and other gambling paraphernalia were moved from the Hyde Park Club to the Harlem Club last Thursday night, a Post-Dispatch reporter called on the new establishment yesterday afternoon. The doorman, who had just given the new admitting several other men to the rambling one-story frame structure, stared coldly at the reporter and slammed the door.

Elsewhere information was given that slot-machines, chuck-a-luck games and half a dozen roulette tables and craps tables were in bull blast inside. Parked about the club were some 30 automobiles, most of them with St. Louis license plates.

The Hyde Park Club was owned by John T. Moore Jr. and was operated by John T. Moore Sr., a St. Louis First Ward Democratic Committeeman, and John P. Connor, a veteran operator. It was closed last Aug. 1 during the anti-gambling campaign of Governor W. W. Billings, but was reopened early in September.

The Harlem Club, until about a year ago the headquarters of a policy game, had been used lately as an entertainment resort for Negroes.

# U. S. WATCHING ITALY'S POLICY ON AMERICAN JEWS

## Dr. Schacht, Meanwhile, Sees British Officials in Regard to Exports and Refugee Problem.

By the Associated Press. WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The State Department disclosed today the United States Embassy in Rome has been instructed to make new representations if rights of American citizens are involved in Italy's tightening restrictions on Jews.

The Italian Cabinet ordered Jews yesterday to exchange all their land and buildings exceeding a fixed value for bonds bearing 4 per cent interest.

Pending a report on how the decree is to be interpreted, the State Department commented, it was made clear, however, that if it is to be imposed against American citizens there will be a protest such as went to Germany this week against any discrimination against Americans because of their race or creed.

The United States, only two months ago after passage of an earlier decree, pointedly told Italy that there are no restrictions on Italians who have been properly admitted into the United States, arousing speculation that retaliatory measures are possible.

Dr. Schacht Goes Home; London Cool Toward His Plan. LONDON, Dec. 17.—Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, German Reichsbank president, went home to Berlin today. Indications were that he had found little but coolness toward a plan to exchange German Jews for foreign funds.

Informal sources put considerable stress on the German Embassy's anxiety to deny on the day of Schacht's departure that he came here to ask Britain for anything. Nevertheless, it was known that he conferred with George Rublee, permanent director of the International Committee for Refugees, and with the British Ambassador, Lord Dufferin.

It also was known that he conferred with Oliver Stanley, president of the Board of Trade, on the dangers of a trade war. Britain has indicated its business men will be given financial support to fight German inroads on British trade in Southeastern Europe if they need it.

Montagu Norman, Governor of the Bank of England, saw Schacht off today.

Dr. Schacht conferred yesterday with Oliver Stanley, president of the Board of Trade, and other officials at the Treasury.

# FRANCE TO FIGHT TO KEEP ALSACE, CHAUTEMPS SAYS

## Vice-Premier Warns Against Hostile Movement by Any Foreign Power or by Region Itself.

By the Associated Press. PARIS, Dec. 17.—Former Premier Camille Chautemps told the Chamber of Deputies today that any attempt to separate Alsace-Lorraine from France would be "fought to the last ditch."

Chautemps' warning, during debate on the 1939 budget, applied equally to foreign Powers such as Germany which "might seek to attack the integrity of our national territory" and to Alsace-Lorraine itself.

Deputies had complained of lack of interest in the Eastern territory and had demanded additional money to aid industrial recovery there. Deputy Henri Mack even had asked that the provinces be granted regional independence.

Chautemps, who at present is Vice-Premier, did not mention the French-German friendship treaty signed Dec. 6, in which each country declared satisfaction with the common frontier.

Referring to "foreign propaganda" in Alsace-Lorraine, Chautemps said, "I ask you to speak of that subject with reserve. I will only say that the Government is watching it vigilantly all the time."

There have been frequent charges that German propagandists are active in the two provinces.

Part of Budget Adopted. Parliament proceeded methodically yesterday with adoption of the secondary section of the 93,885,000,000-franc (\$2,441,000,000) budget for 1939, clearing the way for debate on arms and foreign affairs appropriations.

After a short session the Senate adjourned until Tuesday. The Foreign Affairs Committee met to question Foreign Minister Georges Bonnet on his policy.

An appeal published by a group of Rightist newspapers for dissolution of the Communist party appeared in the French press today. The appeal was signed by several prominent Rightist leaders.

# Held in Balle Case



Associated Press Wirephoto. JAMES C. EDWARDS.

# MAN TRIES TO CAPITALIZE ON NEW YORK EXTORTION CASE

## Sailor Admits Sending Letter to Father of Eileen Balle.

By the Associated Press. NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—An unemployed sailor identified as James C. Edwards, was taken into custody by Federal agents last night and accused of attempting to capitalize on the Eileen Balle extortion case.

Miss Balle, daughter of Thomas W. Balle, wealthy vice-president of National Distillers, has had a bodyguard of Federal agents on her social rounds for several weeks because Balle received notes "threatening her unless \$5000 was paid. She is the younger sister of the former Veronica Balle, wife of Gary Cooper, of the movies."

Dwight Brantley, Federal Bureau of Investigation special agent, said the sailor tried to capitalize on the situation by sending a later note demanding \$10,000. Edwards was caught after he voluntarily went to Federal Bureau of Investigation headquarters with a story calculated to divert suspicion from himself.

# CROWD IN GROCERY TWO BIG; ROBBERS FIRE TWO, FLEE

## East Side Holdup Men Become Fanciful When 23 Customers Are Slow to Lie Down.

An attempt to hold up an East St. Louis grocery failed late yesterday afternoon when three armed men became nervous and fled empty-handed after frightening 23 customers and several clerks in the place by firing two shots.

The robbers, masked with handkerchiefs, entered the store at 733 Trembley avenue, about closing time, and shouted: "This is a stick-up; everybody lie on the floor."

When the manager, Ralph Friedman, asked one of the men if he was joking, the robber fired a shot into the ceiling.

Another robber, again ordering the customers to lie down, fired a shot into the floor. The customers and clerks dropped to the floor and two Negro women fainted. However, the confusion was too much for the robbers and they ran outside and were driven away by a fourth man, who had been waiting in an automobile near the grocery.

# 'PUNCH-DRUNK' WHEN SHE SHOT HER MAN

## Psychiatrist So Testifies at Murder Trial of Mrs. Fern Dull.

By the Associated Press. ST. JOSEPH, Mich., Dec. 17.—A defense psychiatrist, Dr. Walter M. Bartlett of Benton Harbor, Mich., testified today at the murder trial of Mrs. Fern Patricia Dull, that she apparently was "punch drunk" when she shot and killed Attorney William Holbrook, whom she considered her common law husband, just two months ago.

Dr. Bartlett also testified that Holbrook, whom he said he had known for four years, was "a psychopathic case and dangerous to the community."

The defense contends that Holbrook had beaten Mrs. Dull, 34-year-old divorcee, on several occasions, and that she killed him early on the morning of Oct. 17 because she believed he was in an irrational and violent mood, and that her life was in danger.

H. T. Dewhirst, attorney for Mrs. Dull, asked Dr. Bartlett if she probably was in a state of amnesia when the shooting took place.

"Yes," the witness replied, "would say she was suffering from what we call 'punch drunkenness.'" "In your opinion, was she able at that time to distinguish right from wrong?" Dr. Bartlett was asked.

"I would say she was not," he said.

Mrs. Dull insisted on the witness stand yesterday that she remembered nothing of the shooting.

Edward A. Weston, Berrien County prosecutor, rapidly fired questions at her, but she answered each one deliberately, usually asserting "I can't remember."

"When did you start forgetting?" Weston shouted. "Did you forget before or after you retained a lawyer?"

"I loved him—I worshipped him," she said of Holbrook when asked why she did not leave after repeated beatings.

Mrs. Dull testified under cross-examination that "even now" she did not know that Holbrook was married and had four children. She said that all she knew of his past was "what William told me—that he was divorced."

Two Men Hurt in Collision of Autos Near Belleville

Mine Manager One of Victims Both Are in Serious Condition.

Edward Stein, Belleville, mine manager, and Louis Griffin, Neigang 2820 Tudor avenue, East St. Louis, were seriously injured yesterday when their automobiles collided on Illinois Highway No. 13, a mile south of Belleville.

Stein suffered fractures of the jaw and leg and Griffin fractures of the jaw and knee. They were taken to St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Belleville.

Arson Charges Dismissed.

TUSCUMBA, Mo., Dec. 17.—Prosecuting Attorney R. W. Stealing has dismissed arson charges against four persons in connection with the burning of a tenant house on the J. A. Stark farm near here Nov. 23. Those charged were V. E. Jennings and his daughter, Hazel, Wilmer Hodge and Evelyn Hodge.

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19. Indications  
20. Souvenir  
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23. Asked  
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# MINNESOTA FULLBACK HURT IN ACCIDENT

Associated Press. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 17.—Minnesota fullback, University of Minnesota, suffered injuries last night when a automobile he was driving skidded into a street car pole. 21-year-old football star was in the wreckage so tightly that it was necessary to use a crow bar and the steering wheel to extricate him. St. Luke's Hospital Dr. M. O. son gave him a "good chance" unless complications set in. Injuries were described as multiple lacerations of the head, chest, a broken nose and possible internal injuries.

# WOMAN MISER LEFT \$16,208

Miss Jennie Devlin's Estate to Go to Irish Relatives. An inventory of the estate of Miss Jennie Devlin, who died Nov. 6, was filed in Probate Court yesterday. Listing assets amounting to \$16,208. They consist of her home at 3162 North Eleventh street, assessed at \$1380, and cash totaling \$14,828, which was found in an attic room. The inventory was filed by Public Administrator Thomas R. Madden, who is in charge of the estate.

Since the death of a sister five years ago Miss Devlin lived alone, denying herself various comforts, and slept on an improvised bed. The Public Administrator's office was informed she had no light, gas or water and that at times she salvaged food from garbage cans. She left no will and her estate will be divided among heirs, said to be living in Ireland.

# WEATHER CONDITIONS IN OTHER CITIES

(From Weather Bureau Reports.)

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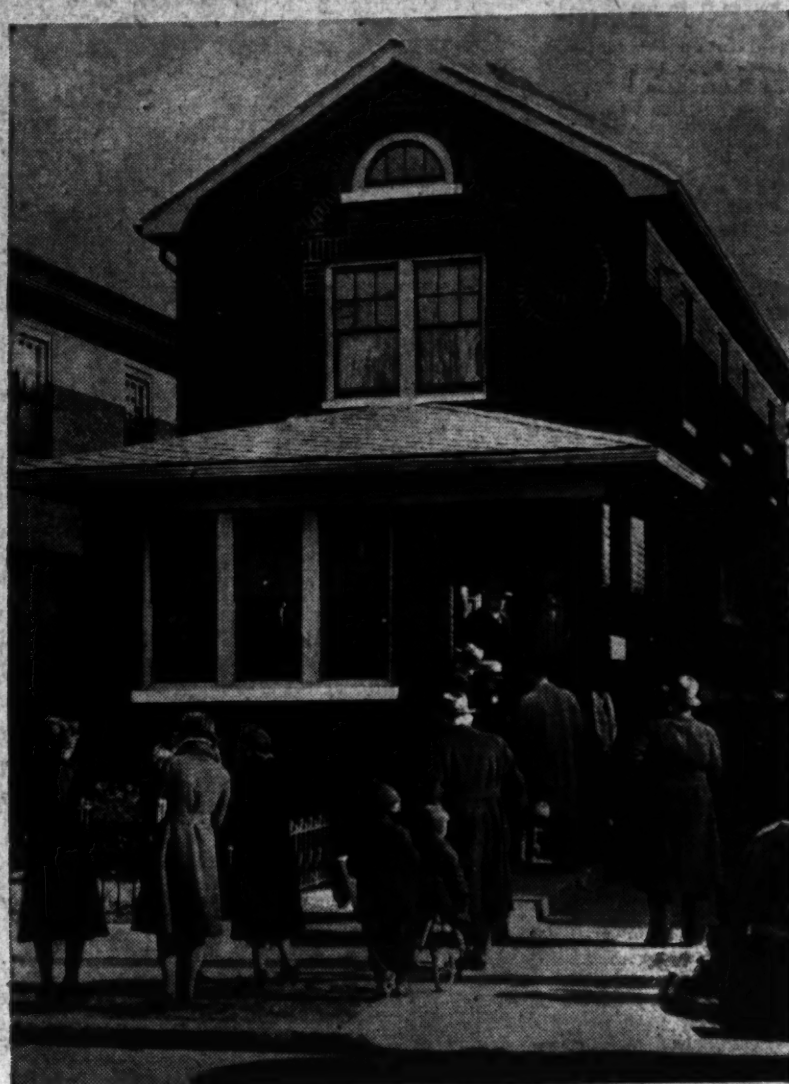
## FIGURES IN COSTER DRUG FIRM CASE



George Vernard (left), McKesson & Robbins official who was identified as Arthur Musica, brother of the firm's president, Philip Musica, who killed himself yesterday. Vernard is pictured with a federal officer when he was re-arrested yesterday.



Attorney-General John J. Bennett Jr. (right) with Henry Unterweiser (left), his special investigator, working on the investigation of the affairs of Philip Musica, who as F. Donald Coster headed the \$87,000,000 McKesson & Robbins drug firm. When he saw photographs of Coster, Unterweiser recalled that he had worked with the same man in World War days under another name. His investigation disclosed Coster as Musica.



The Brooklyn home of George Vernard where he was re-arrested yesterday. He was identified as Arthur Musica, brother of Philip Musica.



### SECRETARY QUIZZED

Eleanor Lochner, secretary to George Vernard of McKesson & Robbins, photographed when she was questioned at Federal building in New York.



### PICTURE STUDY

Three closeup camera studies of F. Donald Coster, head of the \$87,000,000 drug firm of McKesson & Robbins, who killed himself after he was identified as Philip Musica.



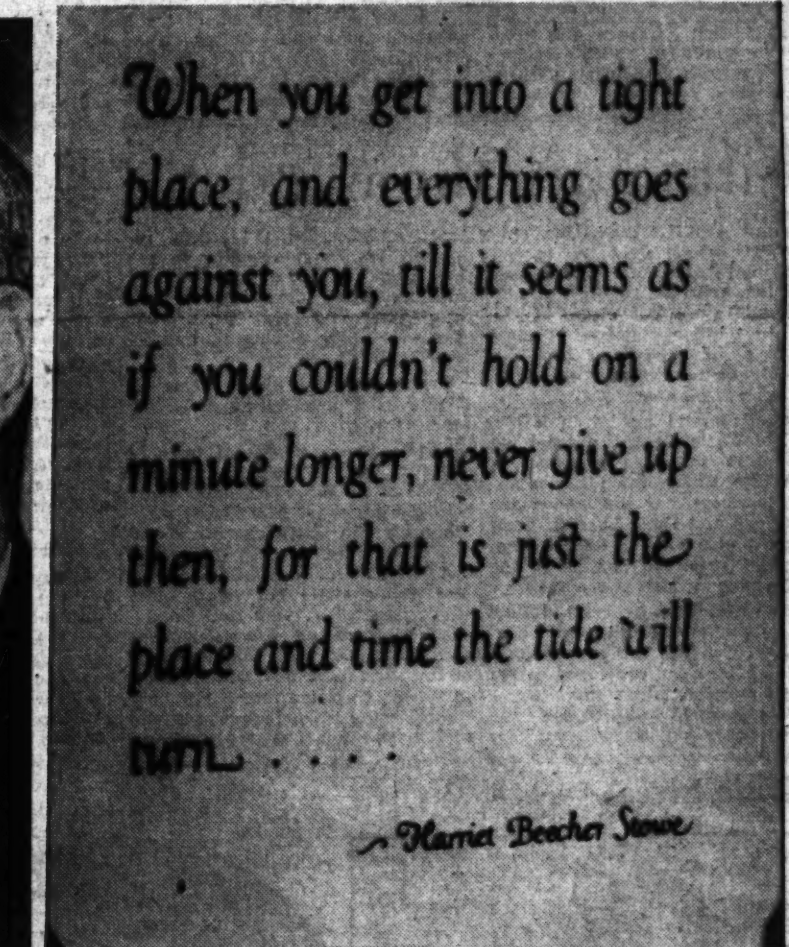
### COSTER'S ESTATE

Air view of the estate at Fairfield, Conn., of F. Donald Coster.



### BROTHER

George Dietrich (left), assistant treasurer of McKesson & Robbins, with his attorney in Federal building in New Haven, Conn. He has been identified as George Musica.



When you get into a tight place, and everything goes against you, till it seems as if you couldn't hold on a minute longer, never give up then, for that is just the place and time the tide will turn.

—Harriet Beecher Stowe

### COSTER'S MOTTO

This motto was on the library table in the Fairfield, Conn., home where F. Donald Coster shot himself after his identity became known.



### WIDOW OF DRUG HEAD

Mrs. F. Donald Coster with one of the chow dogs. They had an elaborate kennel at their home.







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# IF YOU ASK My OPINION

By MARTHA CARR

Dear Mrs. Carr:  
I HAVE known of your work in helping others and I am going to ask you, therefore, to help a worthy family in my block. This family lives in a basement, back of the garage.

Letters intended for this column must be addressed to Mrs. Carr of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. Mrs. Carr will answer all questions of general interest but, of course, cannot give advice on matters of a purely legal or medical nature. Those who do not care to have their letters published may enclose an address and stamped envelope for personal reply.

The man has no shoes; he wears size seven. I send best references. MRS. W. W.

Dear Mrs. Carr:  
I HAVE NEVER asked for help before in your column. But some time ago I had an argument about the nationality and translation of the song "Bei Mir Bist Du Schön." Would you please settle this argument for me? Please tell me the age of Mickey Rooney. A BET.

The song, translated from the German is "To Me You Are Beautiful." It is taken from an old Jewish folk song. Mickey Rooney is 17.

Dear Mrs. Carr:  
I LIVE HERE in the city and read your column daily. I am to be married this month, but do not care to wear white. Will you please tell me what would be appropriate? I really would like to wear blue velvet with silver slippers. What do you think? And what sort of flowers and head-dress would go with this costume? Please print this as soon as possible.

The blue velvet would be very pretty and appropriate. If you would like to wear the silver slippers and perhaps a handsome silver clip set with rhinestones, the effect would be right provided your dress is long. But if you expect to have your dress street length, then a darker shoe, perhaps a black suede pump with high heel would be better.

Your hat should tone in with the dress, of any fabric you like, velvet, suede, lame; a toque or turban of the tall new style. Your flowers could be white or of pale color, in tea roses, gardenias or lilies of the valley added. The chrysanthemums in white with pink sweet peas make a very pretty bouquet.

Dear Mrs. Carr:  
WILL YOU TELL me where I can learn wireless operation for a position as operator aboard ships? Thank you. W. G.

Call the information offices at Washington University or St. Louis University or ask at the Steamship offices. This work probably differs from regular wireless only in the necessity of learning ship signals and calls.

Dear Mrs. Carr:  
THIS BEING ADVENT, I was just thinking that to some it means nothing, but to most of us it means getting ready, planning and waiting all over again the Advent of that tiny helpless baby, Our Savior. At this time people with money are making ready to help those who have little or none, but those who have little can help do something for others too. We who have little can help spread the right spirit instead of a spirit of criticism. And when we step from our offices, basement, car or mansion, how about an honest-to-God, hearty smile? It may keep some old scrub-body or janitor or some "big shot" thrilled all day and uplifted some.

You have given us a message to think about and have put it very adequately. I am glad to give you my thanks.

Dear Mrs. Carr:  
THIS IS AN answer to "Wondering." She is a bit harsh in her judgment of the young people she denounces because they do not get a job. Of course, there are those who are lazy and do not want to work; we all know them. But why judge all by a few? I have graduated from Hadley Vocational School and am not going to night school. Like so many other girls I am looking for work, but without results, in spite of the fact that I have excellent references. She might ask, "Why can't you?" The answer is just three little words, "Lack of experience." There are many who could do the work well, but are not wanted because they have no experience. I wonder if some people were born with experience! M. S.

## TODAY'S PATTERN

Blouse and Skirt

PRINTS flare up as "news" again and here's the very pattern to make them—and you look definitely charming! It's Anne Adams' latest blouse-and-skirt creation, planned to delight every young woman whether she sews well or not. The making's so simple and the sewing instructor so helpful that even a beginner can do a smart job on Pattern 4001. Why not make both the casual style with co-ed collar and short or long sleeves? But the mistakes are made through ignorance, not lack of ability. Use silk or synthetic. Do note how graceful the skirt is—and that the shirred-in waistline of the soft blouse will do wonders for your figure!

Pattern 4001 is available in misses' and women's sizes 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 30, 32, 34, 36, 38 and 40. Size 16 takes 3 1/2 yards 36-inch fabric and 1/2 yard ribbon.

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## Ned Brant at Carter—By Bob Zuppke



## Thinks Schools Should Teach Personal Care

Educator Says Young Girls Are Victims of False Advice Concerning Beauty.

By Angelo Patri

GIRLS have to look their best if they are to be happy. If nature has not been generous with her ration of beauty a girl has to do what she can to help herself, which means that most girls have to give thought and real effort to look their best and keep looking that way. It cannot be done without care and effort which often become a sacrificial rite.

When a girl is pudgy—and young girls, those in their early teens whose childhood is still apparent upon them, are very likely to be—she wishes mightily to be slender and graceful as a lily swinging in the breeze. On every hand she hears how weight can be reduced, and this enviable slenderness acquired by using this and that prescription or diet. The temptation is hard to resist. A pill, a starvation diet for a brief time, and the trick is done.

It is too bad to deceive young people that way. The older ones know better and have themselves to thank for the trouble that overcomes them. The youngsters do not know and do not understand and are victims of false advice. They have to be taught that the right diet—that is, right for them—and the right exercises are the only safe and sure ways to the right weight for their height, and their age.

It is a little too much for a 15-year-old girl, still with the traces of her plump childhood, to want to put on the formal gown and figure of the professional stage beauty. That dream can wait. But it is right and greatly to be admired, that this girl should want to look her best. She ought to be helped to do so by her mother, the family physician and her teachers. I believe that schools should teach personal care for the creation of personal beauty.

Girls in their teens should be taught how to use cosmetics, and when and where, just as they ought to be taught health habits as the basis for beauty, fitting clothes for the occasion as the basis of good taste in dress, gracious behavior as the source of social success. Girls must have beauty of form, beauty of appearance, beauty of character in order to be at their best. It is their duty to acquire these gifts as characteristics, and it is our duty to help them.

It is easy to smile at the overdressed, overpainted, overmannered girl staggering along the sidewalk on spike-heeled slippers that were intended for the dancing floor. But it is not easy for the girl to understand why her efforts, her painful sacrifices at the altar of beauty do not meet with the appreciation that is their due. Somebody is to blame for every such mistaken girl. Somebody should have taught her the right way.

I know that many people frown on the artificial aids to beauty that young girls use, and many of the frowns are justified. But the mistakes are made through ignorance, not lack of ability. Use silk or synthetic. Do note how graceful the skirt is—and that the shirred-in waistline of the soft blouse will do wonders for your figure!

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## A Story of College Athletics



## TRAILER GRL

CHAPTER 13.  
THE weeks of summer flew. Lynn's life was a mad whirl of work, admiration, flowers, posing. Both Wild and Terry were giving the young woman the rush of her life.

Both of them remained on Long Island for that express purpose, and the fact that nothing could discourage Terry made Wild frantic with jealousy.

Between them they kept both Lynn's room and the dress shop filled with flowers. Lynn carried arms full of flowers from the Austin gardens over to Rene's studio, and once he patted Lynn among a mass of Austin delphinium. It was a great success.

The day after Lynn had first dined with Wild, Mr. Mortimer had telephoned the shop and asked her to stop off at his office on her lunch hour. It had been a queer interview and Mr. Mortimer had not been in such a whiff, she would have puzzled more about it at the time.

During the whole conversation Lynn wondered what Mr. Mortimer wanted. He seemed ill at ease, trying to find out something. It was not until she rose to leave that he remarked, "I saw you dining with Mr. Austin last night at 'The Fairway'."

"Yes, I met him once in Florida, in fact, the night I left there," Lynn's cheeks flushed.

"It might be well not to mention you'd had business dealings with Mrs. Warren, or me," he said with apparent casualness.

So that was it. Lynn smiled a little. Men were so stupid. Why didn't he say that in the beginning?

"I won't mention it, Mr. Mortimer," she promised. "You know I feel very grateful to you for getting me my job."

"It was nothing," Mortimer said with a gesture.

But Lynn had little time for speculation. Mme. Renoud was closing for three weeks in August to get ready for the September opening. Lynn had promised to come back for that, although Rene had protested that he needed her and Marty wanted her to quit her job.

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## By VERA BROWN



## As the Weeks Pass, Both Wild Austin and Terry Shower Lynn With Attentions—She Continues to Pose for Rene at His Insistence.

gave up getting any help from Helen.

Wild had a deep desire to meet Rene Boucher. He set about to work on Marty. When Wild made up his mind he usually achieved what he wanted. Marty invited him up to Rene's for tea. He'd paved the way with Rene, who was working like a horse, since this was Lynn's vacation.

They arrived about 5 o'clock and found Lynn wrapped up in masses of silver fox from Mme. Renoud's shop. She was sweltering.

"All in the cause of art," Rene remarked, as he threw down his paint brushes and welcomed his guests.

"Get out of that stuff, Lynn. We're about through for today, anyway."

LYNN was in utter confusion seeing Wild here in the studio. She did not know why she minded so much, but she was afraid Wild would not appreciate Rene.

The dark, slender painter in his rumpled clothes was dwarfed by Marty's huge frame, and Wild's impeccable dandy. But the three men seemed to get along famously.

When Lynn finally came back to them, reluctantly, in a sleeveless yellow linen frock, they were drinking highballs which Marty had mixed. The big bare studio was fairly cool since it faced north, and Lynn sank into a wicker chair, grateful for a chance to rest.

"I've wondered why you didn't try a serious picture of Lynn," Wild was speaking.

Rene frowned as Wild spoke and Marty interposed: "Don't go giving him any high-falutin' ideas, Wild. He's got a gold mine here! Leave him alone."

"But he's a good painter!" Wild protested as though Rene were not present.

"Well, he's doing the best magazine covers made in this country today!"

"I said he was a fine painter, Marty!" Wild persisted.

## Fear of Illness Often Cause of It, Says Doctor

Warns Mothers Against Danger of Giving Children an Invalid Reaction.

By Logan Clendening, M. D.

ONE of the most common causes of illness is fear of sickness itself. Unscrupulous doctors fasten on the victim of such fears, often the most thorough-going examination by a competent diagnostician fails to relieve the anxiety. If one fear is allayed, another springs up to take its place. Mothers, especially, are constantly haunted by the fear of illness in their children. Not content with administering to the child all the vaccines and medicines that the most enthusiastic hygienist could suggest, on the slightest pretext they wish the child put to bed and dosed.

The dread of sickness is much worse than a stiff brush with sickness. These fears cause a danger of giving her child an invalid reaction which can warp and embitter life more than sickness. A lousy child may rebound from these fears in his behalf but many a one of them is bent to the parental mold and lays the foundation for lifelong invalidism.

These fears or phobias are closely related to the inhibitions. The incapacity for action and decision gives evidence of a greater lowering of nervous potential than does the impulsive reaction. These are also difficult to treat once an inhibition gets started. It is easier to control a force than to create one.

As these neurones proceed they become progressively more difficult to treat. The victims are less accessible to suggestion and persuasion, one fact being that the more difficult to treat once an inhibition gets started. It is easier to control a force than to create one.

There are no definite criteria by which the insane can be distinguished from the sane. In dreams one is quite insane. One is lost to the sense of proportion and reality. In dreams one has hallucinations, hears voices, is unrealistically lively or is filled with dread or horror; one fears the coming of a great and distinguished personage or suffers unexplainable humiliations.

So in waking life, the line between sanity and insanity is often very narrow, and no one on earth is able to say whether a person who exhibits some of these traits is really insane or not.

And we may come back to the thesis with which we began the series this week and say it is equally impossible in these people to state whether the body is more affected than the mind. Certainly treatment or rehabilitation demands measures which are directed towards the body as well as towards the mind that controls it.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Seven pamphlets by Dr. Clendening can now be obtained by sending 10 cents in coin, for each, and a self-addressed envelope stamped with a 3-cent stamp, to Dr. Logan Clendening, in care of this paper. The pamphlets are: "Three Weeks' Reducing Diet," "Indigestion and Constipation," "Reducing and Gaining," "Infant Feeding," "Instructions for the Treatment of Diabetes," "Feminine Hygiene," and "The Care of the Hair and Skin."

## Toonerville Folks—By Fontaine Fox

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# The Weekly Whizzer

## A NEWSPAPER for BOYS AND GIRLS

### IMPORTANT

In all contests, the decision of the judges will be final. In case of a tie, duplicate prizes will be awarded. All contests, unless otherwise stated, close next Wednesday at midnight and your entry must be postmarked before that time to receive the attention of the judges.

## Santa Claus Interviewed In Next Issue

Professor Wotasnizzle Flies Andy to North Pole to Meet Jolly Gentleman Whose Personality Is to Be Discussed—Foo Ling's Laundry and Distressed Hunter Featured Today.

By Bobby Jones

SANTA CLAUS is first in the hearts of boys and girls all over the world. Next week we are going to publish an exclusive interview with this beloved personage.

Andy Horner, with Professor Wotasnizzle as pilot, was sent to the North Pole in the Professor's clipper plane and just returned with some interesting material about Santa's jovial personality and some sidelights on his international fame. You'll want to read this interview before you go to bed on Christmas Eve.

And, incidentally, we're going to have a coloring contest next week to give our readers a chance to use those coloring or paint sets which they have ordered from Santa Claus for Christmas. There will be prizes, so you'll not only have your first opportunity to use your Christmas coloring or paint sets, but you will get a chance to win a Whizzer cash prize at the same time.

Joe Miller Jr. calls the days immediately following Christmas the lull after the storm. "Every Christmas," Joe says, "is a bustle, what with opening presents, playing and eating, but the days following Christmas are dull and inactive unless you have something very interesting to do."

"Now what could be more interesting to do than to read and work The Weekly Whizzer. So I suggest each and every Whizzer fan read our big Santa Claus interview on Christmas Eve and after that put the page away until the following Monday or Tuesday, when the going will get dull, and then sit down and work out the contests. Thus they will be passing the holiday vacation time in a profitable and exciting way. For, who knows, they may win one of our prizes."

Thanks for the tip, Joe. There's a lot in what you say, especially with our Beeg Feesh Contest coming up next week.

On today's page you will notice Ralph's drawing of the queer activities going on in Foo Ling's Laundry. That's a swell contest, so don't miss it. And, of course, you'll all be curious to learn just who that is reprimanding Mr. Horner for missing that excellent chance to get a Christmas goose. This is one of today's best contests.

### Latest Winners

**DIEVER:** John Bonmarito, 1505 M. Jefferson; Norma Branson, 1503 Palm; Joseph McLaughlin, Pacific, Mo.

**FACE HUNT:** John Duhrant, 219 S. Clark; Moberly, Mo.; Patricia Petty, 6427 Olmstead; Jean Carol Petty, 208 S. Jesse, Christopher, Ill.

**HIDDEN MOVIE TITLES:** Jane Sheoran, 8617 N. Newstead; Jane Thompson, 6549 Hoffman; Conrad Bauer, 7816 Todd; Albert Seftin, 1362A Bell; Robert Dyer, 5801 Oakland.

**MISTAKES IN GRAMMAR:** Ilana Zorbas, 1225 Branch; Frank Heick, 112 Ruth, Shiloh, Mo.; Betty and Billy Hunt, 273 Main, Richmond Heights; Gene Aray, 3731 Vista Pl., Pine Lawn; Irene Berry, 3237A Clark.

**SCRAMBLED PROVERBS:** Patsy Filleard, 5026 Winona; Olive Kohler, 2107A Russell; James Higgins, 345 Fairview; John Zillman, 6541 San Bonita, Clayton; Jane Lawler, 3672 Hickory.

**WHO SAID IT:** Antoinette Sander, 4248A North; Jerry Allen, 873 Main, Richmond Heights; Ellis Vineyard, 8558 Church Rd.; Mary Joanne Mooney, 2108 N. Sarah; Margie O'Brien, 1739 Annette.

**NEW-STYLE DIEVER:** Russell Schmidt, 1517 Brock; Robert Kinsner, 4620 Garadino; Kathryn Kasha, 4132 West Lo.

**MOOT OWL:** Nelson Shy, 3420 Miami; Mary Cartwright, 4224 Bates; Joseph F. Gieschner, 5950 Plymouth.

**ONE-ROUND CLARENCE:** Billy Mason, 4106 Dryden; Fred Gabor Jr., 4153 W. Wilmington; Jack McKinney, 2171 Lincoln.

**HONORABLE MENTION:** Sparky Ticknor, 7315 Lexington; George Brunkhorst, Festus, Mo.; Lawrence Halloway, 4138 Kennard.

**HONORABLE MENTION:** Opal Lang, Dorothy Easch, Reuben Sappington, 7422 Van Leaven; Jerry Murphy, Anne Zucker, Rose Betty Holtzman, Marilyn Costner, George Koda, Netta Shannon, Mary Dancy, Dorothy Stull, Paul Ozenmann, Stella O'Leahin, Paul Hammermeister, Betty Jane Carl, Mary Rah, Joe Geiger, Jr., Peter Douglas, Philip Stillman, Nancy Phillips, Amelia Yatum, David Edmund, Lillian Fager, Charlotte Yellman, Alice Barden, Christine Wenzel, Eugene Smith, Mark Steinberg, Irving Cassel, Dean Franko, Elizabeth Gedy, Janet Kaufman, Cecelia Hoffman, Dorothy Gray, Barbara Robertson, Betty Jane Williams, Alice Hamilton, Shirley Ashner, Jane Thompson, Margaret Scherer, James Dolan, Joanne Killa, Doris May Cox, George Poir, Wilbert Rabin, Patricia Anna Gibson, Betty Fausch, Mary Jane Farrow, Bill Johnson, Doris Kandy, Florence Christensen, Robert Rogers, Jean Greenwald, Ernestine Schlicht, Robert Campbell, David Kell, Arline Frank, Lili Hartwig, Doris Barton, Joseph Van Deven, Duncan Shaw, Lucette Streeter, Harold Ebenholz.

**A NOVEL METHOD**  
I'd like to see a fisherman, fishing for sharks and whales, by pouring salt and pepper on their big elusive tails; and then, for contrast, capturing a peck or two of snails.

## LOP CHOP LAUNDRY FROLICS



MAYBE IT WAS ALL A FANTASTIC DREAM WHICH FOO LING HAD ONE NIGHT. BUT THAT AMIALE ORIENTAL PROTESTS THAT THE ACTIVITY SHOWN ABOVE WAS JUST WHAT WAS GOING ON THE TIME HE RETURNED TO HIS SHOP AFTER BUSINESS HOURS. "ALLEE CLOSÉE HAVEE HOT TIME," HE ASSERTS. WE THINK THE PICTURE COULD BE MADE EVEN FUNNIER IF HEADS WERE CLIPPED FROM AN OLD MAGAZINE OR NEWSPAPER AND PASTED ON THE FLANNELS, SHIRTS, ETC. A \$1 PRIZE FOR EACH OF THE THREE BEST HEAD-ATTACHING JOBS. MAKE 'EM FUNNY!

### New-Style Diever



You are not looking at the top of a mountain in the picture above. It's some other part. And that's absolutely all the hint we can give you in our new-style Dievers today. Can you supply the reading matter for the Dievers illustrated above? A \$1 prize for each of the three best answers, plus a two-line jingle about a silver dollar.

## KLASSIFIED KOLUMN

By Betty Jones

Klassified Advertising Manager

Can you kumbulate ads as kookoo as these? The Whizzer will award a \$1 prize for each of the five best kookoo ads. We will print them in our Klassified Kolumn next week.

**FOR SALE—Monocles** for the eyes of potatoes. Apply Prof. Snitnee's Optical Parlor, East Main street corner West Main street, Whizerville.

**REWARD**—For necklace missing from neck of milk bottle. Blot & Blot, Jewelers, Singleton, Robtub.

**SPECIAL SALE**—Glass blotter, iron toothbrushes, silver goldfish, wooden candles, paper gumdrops, vulcanized pajamas, rubber Christmas tree bulbs, and wooden doormats. All this week. Krazy Commodities Exchange, Tit for Tat Building.

**BOY WANTED**—Strong boy wanted to blow Horn of Plenty. Small salary to start but quick advancement to right party. Apply Bunni-Dummi Shoppe de Mudque, 989 Whistle terrace.

**SALE**—Boxed ears reduced this week only. Vegetable Emporium, fitchoar.

**BASKIN' AND DREAMIN'**  
I'd like to see an Eskimo, who'd thrown his furs away, sprawl out on a sunny beach and cup his hands and say: "I'm sick of snow and sleet and ice, and so I'm here to stay!"

**REALLY?**  
I'd like to see an ocean wave from the seat of a taxicab; I'd like to see a kitchen sink in the arms of a soft-shell crab; I'd like to see a penknife pen, or a paper tablet tab.

**IF I WERE PRESIDENT.**  
I'd like to see this country run by me as President; I'd put my name on dollar bills, my face on every cent. All rulers have things pretty soft—at least they pay no rent!

**PERSONAL**—Our coal has a bright future. Seth's Hay, Coal and Feed Store. Babies minded and bird seed for sale.

**LOST**—Key to Emma, the elephant's trunk. Return to Kraut-muller's Circus. Reward.

**MEN'S SHIRTS**—Carefully roasted. Have all your washing boiled and fried at Foo-Ling's Chinese and American Laundry, Whizerville.

**PARTNER WANTED**—To provide capital for manufacture of sky hooks. Scientists predict new invention will replace hat-racks and coat-hangers.

**NOTICE**—We are the makers of the New Jersey on Miss Liberty's back. (Wow!) Nitt's Knit Shoppe, Main street.

**HAS YOUR WINDOW A PANE?**  
We specialize in all kinds of prescriptions. The Triangle Drug Store... on the Square.

**FOR SALE**—Pastorized stamps and envelopes. No extra charge. Bonzo Bonzo, Bongunga, General Postoffice.

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## What Ifs and Movie Mix-ups Are Revived

By Andy Homer

ONCE upon a time one of our readers had a brain storm and concocted a humdinger of a contest called What Ifs. Our Christmas Spending Money Department would be incomplete without reviving that contest, so here goes:

What if Frank were a quarter instead of a Buck?  
What if Michael were laughing instead of a Whaler?  
What if Clark were a roof instead of a Gable?

What if Ronald were an iceman instead of a Colman?  
Can you concoct any What Ifs? Make them up about movie stars, great historical figures, famous men, comic characters or anything else you can think of. Five \$1 prizes, one each for the five best What Ifs received.

### MOVIE MIX-UPS

How well do you remember the names of the movie stars whom you see in your favorite motion pictures? Try working this contest and see. We are listing the titles of five popular motion pictures; under them we are listing the names of the stars who played in them in different order.

Can you place them in their right order, that is, can you place the name of the star opposite the title of the picture in which he or she starred? Five \$1 prizes, one each for the five best answers plus a thumb-nail review in your own words of the last movie which you saw. Here's your chance to be a real reporter, or in fancy words, a critic of the cinema. Keep your review under 35 words.

- The movie titles:
- (1) Arkansas Traveler.
  - (2) Submarine Patrol.
  - (3) That Certain Age.
  - (4) Listen Darling.
  - (5) You Can't Take It With You.
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## MOOT OWL MYSTERY



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## Added Letter Changes Words

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After his last session with the dictionary, Joe came out with a top-notch contest. He discovered 10 words that will automatically become brand new words if the same letter of the alphabet is placed before each one of them. The words follow:

**ASH ITCH ANT ILL HERE** **HEN ALL EAR HAT HACK**

What is the versatile letter that will transform each of the above words into entirely different words when placed before them? Write a two-line jingle about one of the new words you get. A \$1 prize for each of the three best answers received.

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## Why, Daddy?



OH--SNOOKS!!!  
\$1 paid for each fancy figure used.  
Homework is to me what Baby Snooks is to her daddy—Oliver Stager, 3835 N. Twenty-third.

School is to me what hats with feathers are to the Terrible Tempered. Joe Miller's jokes are to me what chicken dinners are to the chickens.—Marvin Reardon, 1311 Clinton.

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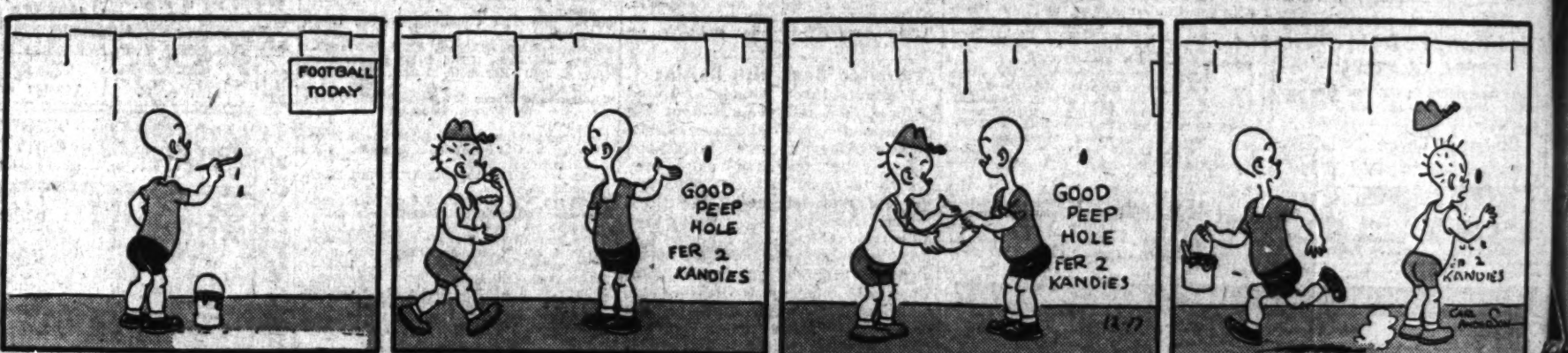
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